

Why Do We Commemorate Bonfire Night?

Type of History



Religious

Golden Thread Concepts

Religion
Beliefs
Worship
Persecution

Leadership
Monarchy
Parliament
Law

Society
Equality

Secondary Concepts



Historical significance



Cause and consequence



Continuity and change

Links to the Rights of the Child



Links to British Values



When?



1603 CE

King James I crowned King of England



1605 CE

The Gunpowder Plot



1948 CE

King Charles III born



1970 CE

Poulton Lancelyn Primary School opened



May 2023

King Charles III coronated



Now



1603 CE

King James I crowned King of England



1604 CE

Guy Fawkes and other Catholics meet to discuss the plot



March 1605 CE

The group hid 36 barrels of gunpowder



1st November 1605 CE

King James I sees a warning about the plot



4th November 1605 CE

The Houses of Parliament are searched



5th November 1605 CE

Guy Fawkes is arrested and taken to the Tower of London

Who?



King James I of England



Guy Fawkes



Robert Catesby

Key Vocabulary

Catholic	A Christian who is a member of the Roman Catholic Church
Conspirator	A person who plans to do something illegal or harmful
Gunpowder	An explosive powder
Houses of Parliament	The building in London where the government works
Plot	A secret plan to do something that is wrong or illegal
Protestant	A Christian who is not Catholic
Treason	When somebody tries to get rid of the king or queen of a country

What?



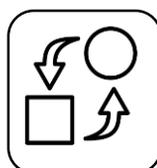
King Charles III is the King of the United Kingdom. He has two sons, Prince William and Prince Harry.

Prince William is next in line for the throne.



Our Prime Minister is called Rishi Sunak. He is the leader of the government.

The government decides the rules our country and makes the laws that we live by. The MPs meet to make decisions in the Houses of Parliament.



Religion was very important to people at this time. People were forced to follow the religion practised by the king or queen on the throne. There was a lot of change for people.



King James was a Protestant. He wanted his subjects to be Protestant too. King James was scared that Catholics would cause problems during his reign so he was very strict. Some people, such as Catholics, practised their beliefs in secret. If they were caught then they were punished.



Guy Fawkes was a Catholic. He kept his religion a secret. He didn't like King James' strict rules about religion. In 1604 he learned about a plot to get rid of the king. He met with some other men to discuss blowing up the Houses of Parliament.



Guy Fawkes, Robert Catesby and some other Catholic men designed a plot to blow up the Houses of Parliament. King James I received a warning about the plot and the Houses of Parliament were searched. The gunpowder was found and the plotters were taken to the Tower of London.



After the plot had failed, the government passed an act for an annual church service on the 5th November to give thanks to God. We commemorate the gunpowder plot on Bonfire Night when we light bonfires and set off fireworks.