

The Spring Trust– Knowledge Organiser

History Focus	Guy Fawkes and Bonfire Night	Year 2	Autumn 2
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When? (Key Knowledge)	
1570	Guy Fawkes is born in the English city of York
1603	King James becomes King of England
1604	The group begin a plot again King James I
March 1605	The plotters rent a cellar under the Houses of Parliament
October 1605	Lord Monteaule receives an unsigned letter warning him not to go the opening of the Houses of Parliament
5 th November 1605	Guy Fawkes is found in the cellar by the King's guards, along with 36 barrels of gunpowder
January 1606	Guy Fawkes is executed

Background Information
<i>The Gunpowder Plot was a failed attempt to blow up England's King James I (1566-1625) and the Parliament on November 5, 1605. The plot was organized by Robert Catesby (c. 1572-1605) in an effort to end the persecution of Roman Catholics by the English government.</i>

What? (Key vocab)	
Spelling	Definition
Executed	To kill someone as a punishment for committing a serious crime
Gunpowder	A chemical that explodes when set alight
Houses of Parliament	The buildings where the British government does its work
Monarch	A king or queen
The Gunpowder plot	An illegal plan to blow up the Houses of Parliament in order to kill King James and his government
Tower of London	A historic castle based on the North Bank of the River Thames

Diagrams and Symbols



Who?	
King James I	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He was the ruling King of the English Protestant government
Guy Fawkes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A conspirator in the Gunpowder Plot of 1605
Robert Catesby	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The leader of the Gunpowder Plot
Thomas Percy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He helped fund the group and secured the leases to certain properties in London
Lord Monteaule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The brother-in-law of one of the conspirators, who warned the king of the plot after receiving an anonymous letter.