

# Remember, Remember the Fifth of November



# Why do we celebrate Bonfire Night?

The events of the 5<sup>th</sup> November 1605 are remembered to remind people not to use prejudice or discriminate against other people's views or beliefs.



What happened?



# The Gunpowder Plot

- The plotters' plan was to blow up the House of Lords during the State Opening of Parliament on 5th November 1605. They tried to kill the king and his government.
- The plotters wanted to take action against the government and the king for their anti-Catholic laws. They planned to put James I's daughter, Elizabeth, on the throne.
- In the summer of 1605, the group hired a cellar underneath Parliament and secretly brought in barrels of gunpowder.
- After a secret letter revealing the plot was sent to Lord Monteagle, Parliament was searched for traces of the plotters. In the cellar below the House of Lords, the guards found the gunpowder and Guy Fawkes.



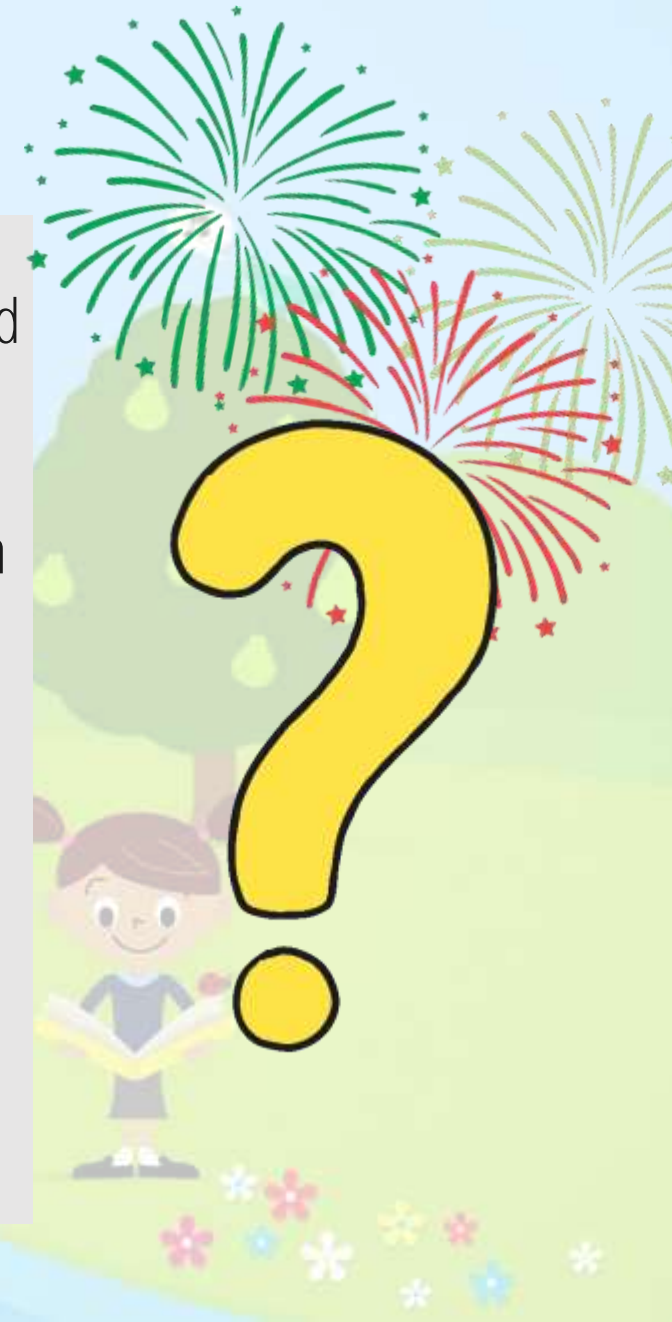
# The Legacy

- After three days of torture in the Tower of London, Guy Fawkes named his fellow plotters and they were put to trial and sentenced to be hanged, drawn and quartered.
- Londoners were encouraged to burn bonfires to celebrate the failure of the plot and the government passed a law designating November 5th as a national day of thanksgiving.
- Although the law no longer exists, many still celebrate bonfire night with fireworks to mark the occasion.



# What can we think about?

- To this day, we celebrate the failure of the gunpowder plot with fireworks and bonfires.
- The gunpowder plot was the culmination of 100 years of religious persecution and conflict.
- The question remains – why did the plot take place and how can such problems be resolved?
- A just society must represent all its citizens, not just a select group. If one group is given some rights over another, conflict is never far away.



# Learning Time!

Throughout the week, you will explore Bonfire Night a little further. You may complete some writing or some art work.

On Wednesday, your House Captains will share an assembly on how to stay safe during Bonfire Night.

It will be a time for you to think about the past and how we can learn from events that have happened, even if they happened a very long time ago.

# Reflection

This is our school,  
Let peace dwell here,  
Let the rooms be full of contentment.  
Let love abide here,  
Love of one another,  
Love of mankind,  
Love of life itself.  
Let us remember



That as many hands build a house,  
So many hearts make a school  
Help us to learn, play and share  
together.

We hope our school will be place of  
great discovery, adventure and  
creativity.

May it be a place where we love to  
learn and where we learn to love,  
A place where everyone is respected  
and all are deeply valued.