

What is Bonfire Night?

Bonfire Night is celebrated on 5th November of every year.



We celebrate it because in 1605, a man called Guy Fawkes and some other men decided to try and blow up the English government, along with King James I.

Guy Fawkes

Guy Fawkes' reason for this attack was because he thought that the government were treating Roman Catholics unfairly.

King James was a Protestant and had done nothing to stop the cruelty towards the Roman Catholics.



Guy Fawkes and his friends really wanted England to be Catholic, so he thought that the best way for this to happen was by blowing up the government with some gunpowder!



Did it Work?

Fortunately, the plan did not work as he and his friends were discovered before they could carry out the attack! Guy Fawkes and his friends were imprisoned and killed for treason.



Why Celebrate?

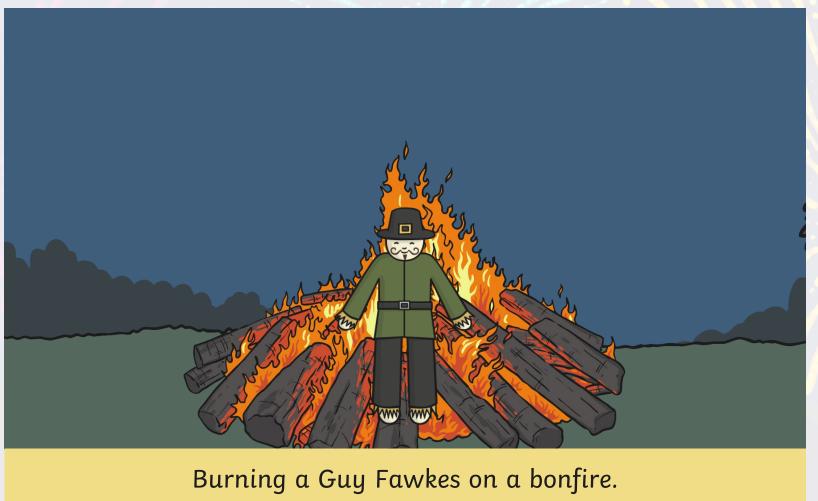
King James wanted to celebrate the fact that he had lived through such a treacherous plot, and therefore ordered that November 5th should be an official celebration for all in Britain!

How do you celebrate Bonfire Night?

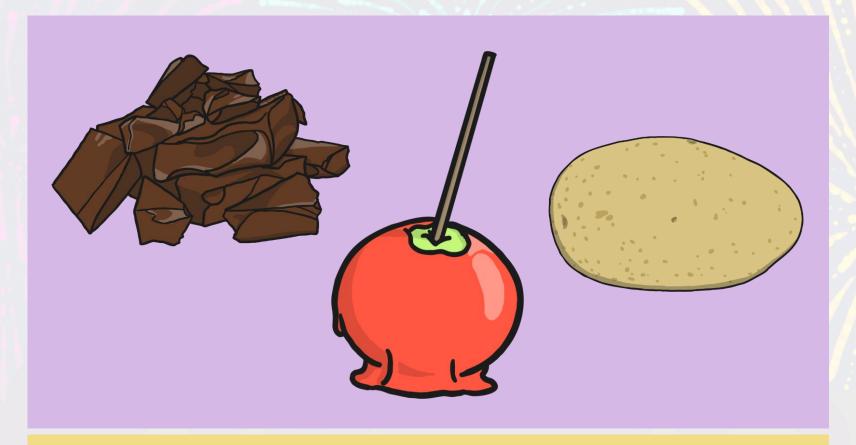




Watching fireworks.







Eating bonfire toffee, toffee apples and jacket potatoes.

How to Remember...

Remember, remember the fifth of November,
Gunpowder treason and plot,
I know of no reason,
Why the Gunpowder Treason,
Should ever be forgot!





