**Important People**

**Thomas Catesby**
Thomas Catesby was a Catholic. He was the leader of the group plotting to blow up the Houses of Parliament.

**Guy Fawkes**
Guy Fawkes was a Catholic. For a little while, he lived in Spain where he learned how to fight and became an expert in gunpowder. Guy Fawkes was an important member of the group who plotted to blow up the Houses of Parliament. He was discovered by guards in the cellar with the barrels of gunpowder.

**Thomas Percy**
Thomas Percy was a Catholic. He was one of the King’s bodyguards. He rented a basement underneath the House of Lords where the plotters stored the gunpowder.

**King James I**
He became King of England when Queen Elizabeth I died in 1603. He was Elizabeth’s cousin. He was a Protestant. Lots of people did not like him because he was unkind to Catholics.

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**Remember, Remember Poem**

**Remember, remember, the 5th of November**
The Gunpowder Treason and plot; I see no reason why Gunpowder Treason Should ever be forgot.

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**Key Events of The Gunpowder Plot**

- In 1605 King James I (a Protestant) was the King of England. However, some people did not like him because Catholics were treated unfairly.
- A man called Guy Fawkes and his friends (who were all Catholic) wanted King James to be removed from the throne and plotted to blow up the Houses of Parliament with the King and his government inside. They decided to use gunpowder to blow up underneath the King’s chair. Their plan was to cause an enormous explosion! Thirty six barrels of gunpowder were put in the cellars of the Houses of Parliament on the 5th of November 1605.
- But, the plan did not work! A letter was sent to Lord Monteagle, who was due to go to the Houses of Parliament, warning him about the plot. He told the king, who sent guards to search the cellars. They found Guy Fawkes and gunpowder.
- Guy Fawkes and his friends were put in prison until he confessed to trying to blow up the Houses of Parliament, the King and his government. Guy Fawkes was executed!
- The King decided that on the 5th of November every year from that day we would remember the Gunpowder Plot and how Guy Fawkes’ plan failed! Every year we burn bonfires and put a model of Guy Fawkes on top. We light fireworks and sparklers and celebrate the failure of the Gunpowder Plot.

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**Timeline of Events**

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<td>A tunnel is dug towards Parliament. The Gunpowder is smuggled inside.</td>
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