

Subject: History	Area of learning: Guy Fawkes & the Gunpowder
	Plot / The Great Fire of London
Year Group: Year 1	
	Enquiry Questions: Why is Guy Fawkes
	remembered?
	Why did the Great Fire of London spread so
	quickly?

Links to previous work/Remember when

From EYFS

Knowledge & Understanding of the World (Past & Present)

- Talk about the lives of the people around them and their roles in society.
- Know some similarities and differences between things in the past and now, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class.
- Understand the past through settings, characters and events encountered in books read in class and storytelling.

Term

Key Skills to be taught

Autumn 2024

What the children should know at the end of this series of lessons

National Curriculum

 Events beyond living memory that are significant nationally or globally (Guy Fawkes & the Gunpowder Plot / The Great Fire of London).

Historical Skills



Chronology

• Order events or artefacts in chronological order (using a simple timeline).

Sources of Evidence

• Use primary sources to learn about significant historical events.

Historical Enquiry

Ask and answer questions about the past.

Cause & Consequence

 Recognise why people did things, why events happened and what happened as a result.

Historical Significance

• Understanding why people may be considered historically significant today (Guy Fawkes).

*Cross-curricular link to Art- Great Fire of London (scene printing)



Vocabulary

Guy Fawkes & the Gunpowder Plot:

Guy Fawkes, King James I, Houses of Parliament, plotters, explosion, arrested, Catholic, Church of England, St. Peter's school (York), gunpowder, conspirators, gunpowder plot.

Great Fire of London:

London, Samuel Pepys, diary, firefighter, Pudding Lane, King Charles II, Thomas Farriner (baker to the King), River Thames, St Paul's Cathedral, Tower of London, wooden houses (straw roof) rebuild, fire hook, bucket, bakery, Pudding Lane, firebreak, water squirt, leather bucket.

Sequence of	Learning Objectives/Outcomes	Suggested Lesson Outline
learning		
1 Guy Fawkes	Learning Objective: To order events in chronological order (using a simple timeline). To begin to ask questions about the past (the life of Guy Fawkes). Key Knowledge: Guy Fawkes was born in York, over 400 years ago. Guy Fawkes is remembered for plotting to blow up the Houses of Parliament to kill King James I. The plot failed and Guy Fawkes was killed for his part. Enquiry Type: Chronology Historical Enquiry	 What do you already know about Guy Fawkes? When was Guy Fawkes alive? Why do we remember him? Children discuss when Guy Fawkes was born and the main events from his life. Children order a small selection of cards to sequence these events in chronological order. Some children may wish to order larger cards within a smaller, supported group.



2 & 3 Guy Fawkes

Learning Objective:

To order events chronologically (the Gunpowder Plot). To ask and answer questions about the past.

Key Knowledge:

A group of Catholic men (including Guy Fawkes) plotted to kill King James I. 36 barrels of gunpowder were hidden beneath the Houses of Parliament in London. An anonymous warning letter was sent to Lord Monteagle about not attending Parliament (the King found out). The King's men stopped the plot, Guy Fawkes was arrested and taken to the Tower of London. **Enquiry Type:** Chronology

Recap- When was Guy Fawkes born? (10 / 100 / over 400 years ago).

Where did Guy Fawkes plot to kill King James I?

The Gunpowder Plot of 1605

- What was the Gunpowder plot? Who was going to be targeted? (King James I)
- Who was involved in the plotting?
- Did the plotting work? What happened to Guy Fawkes?

Children have the opportunity to 'act out' the main events of the Gunpowder Plot in small groups (drama / hot seating).

Children could sequence the main events (drama photographs) and/or write statements to go with each photo (this could be covered through English work).

Useful video/es to support:

https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clipsvideo/articles/zv462v4

4 The Great Fire of London

Historical Enquiry Learning Objective:

To explore how the Great Fire of London started and use some primary sources (maps / paintings) to find out more.

Key Knowledge:

The Great Fire of
London happened more
than 60 years after the
Gunpowder Plot (Guy
Fawkes was not alive)in a bakery on Pudding
Lane, Sunday 2nd
September 1666.
There was no electricitycandles and no electric
lights.

The houses were made of wood and were very close together.

Recap- How many barrels of gunpowder were used in the Gunpowder Plot? Where was Guy Fawkes taken when he was caught?

The Great Fire of London 1666- Introduction / first day

- What was the Great Fire of London? When was it?
- Why was it **great**? (Large, not good!)
- How did the fire start and where?
- What were the houses like on Pudding Lane?

Children understand that the Great Fire was after the Gunpowder Plot (more than 60 years later). Gather basic facts for the early stages of the Great Fire- when the fire started (Sunday 2nd September 1666), where the fire started (Thomas Farriner's bakery on Pudding Lane) and what a London street / house was like at the time- no electricity / lights (candlelight) and wooden houses very close together.

Consider the spread of the fire after the first day (the fire still continues...)- use maps in possible resources folder.

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	Enquiry Type: Historical Enquiry / Sources of Evidence	Useful video to support: https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/articles/znp9r2p
5 The Great Fire of London	Learning Objective: To continue to explore how the Great Fire of London progressed and correctly sequence events. To consider fire safety then (1666) and compare this to now (2024). Key Knowledge: Samuel Pepys begins to write a diary to record the events. Houses are pulled down to stop the fire from spreading. People use the River Thames to carry their belongings to safety using boats. St. Paul's Cathedral is destroyed by the fire. The fire is finally under control and put out on Thursday 6th September. Enquiry Type: Chronology Cause and Consequence	Recap- When was the Great Fire of Londonbefore or after the Gunpowder Plot? How did the Great Fire of London start? The Great Fire of London 1666- Second-Fourth Day • How long did the Great Fire last? • What was Samuel Pepys famous for? • Why did people carry their possessions away on boats? • How did people try to put the fire out? Children look at how the fire spread / damage caused on the second - fourth day. This could be completed by sequencing large timeline cards (as a class, in small groups or individually). Also, consider looking at a map that builds upon the first day fire spread (see possible resources folder). Begin to look at fire safety / equipment then (1666) and now (2024). Discuss the differences and any similarities.
6 Guy Fawkes & The Great Fire of London	Learning Objective: To demonstrate what has been learnt about Guy Fawkes & The Gunpowder Plot (1605) / The Great Fire of London (1666).	ASSESSMENT LESSON Children record their own ideas (drawings / labels / written statements) onto a given template (template could be split into two halves for each part of the unit- Guy Fawkes / Great Fire of London).



Learning Outcome/product

Why is Guy Fawkes remembered?

Children record what they know about Guy Fawkes and why he is still remembered today.

Why did the Great Fire of London spread so quickly?

With some initial support, children consider why the fire spread so quickly (dry / windy weather conditions, material of houses, lack of effective fire equipment etc.)

Assessment records	List only those children who have not achieved the expected outcomes.	