

The Story of Bonfire Night: A Spark of History

Remember, Remember! Join Leo the Lion on a journey back to 1605.

■ Bonfire Night is celebrated every year on the 5th of November to remember the failed Gunpowder Plot of 1605.

■ Guy Fawkes was a key member of a group who wanted to change the government by using force, which is why he is a famous figure in this history story.

■ King James I was the monarch at the time, and the discovery of the plot meant he was kept safe from the danger planned for Parliament.

■ People began lighting bonfires across London on the very first night the plot was stopped to show their relief and loyalty.

■ Today, we enjoy colourful fireworks and sparklers to represent the gunpowder that was never set off, keeping the tradition alive through light and sound.

Did you know? Did you know? Even though we light fireworks today to celebrate, the original plot was to use 36 barrels of gunpowder hidden beneath the Houses of Parliament. Thankfully, the plan was discovered before any harm was done!

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