

Bonfire Night Vocabulary and Facts

Learning objective: To understand key vocabulary and historical context related to Bonfire Night (Guy Fawkes Night) in line with Year 3 English and History curriculum.

Use these flashcards to test your knowledge about Bonfire Night. Read the term or question on the left, then check the answer on the right to see if you are correct!

What is the date of Bonfire Night?

5th November.

What is a 'Guy'?

An effigy or dummy made of old clothes, representing Guy Fawkes, often placed on top of the bonfire.

Define the word 'Treason'.

The crime of betraying one's country or leader.

What is Parliament?

The group of people who make the laws for the country, meeting in London.

What is 'Gunpowder'?

An explosive mixture used in fireworks and, historically, in the failed plot against the King.

Why do we have fireworks on 5th November?

To celebrate that the Gunpowder Plot was discovered and the King was kept safe.

What is an 'effigy'?

A model of a person, usually made of straw or old clothes.

What is a 'sparkler'?

A handheld firework that burns slowly and gives off bright, colourful sparks.

Describe the word 'spectacular'.

Something very beautiful, impressive, or exciting to look at, like a fireworks display.

What does 'commemorate' mean?

To remember and show respect for an event from the past.

Who was Guy Fawkes?

A man involved in the Gunpowder Plot to blow up the Houses of Parliament in 1605.

What is a 'bonfire'?

A large open-air fire, often built to celebrate an event or keep warm during a winter evening.