Bonfire Night: History and Traditions

Learning objective: To understand the historical origins of Bonfire Night and the significance of the Gunpowder Plot within British history.

Read the front of each flashcard carefully to learn a key fact. Flip the card mentally or write down the answer to test your knowledge of the events of 1605.

What historical event is commemorated on the 5th of November?	Who was the monarch of England during the Gunpowder Plot?
The Gunpowder Plot of 1605.	King James I.
What was the main aim of the conspirators in the Gunpowder Plot?	**Which famous conspirator was found guarding the gunpowder in the cellar?**
To blow up the Houses of Parliament and the King.	Guy Fawkes.
Where was the gunpowder hidden by the group?	**What is the term for a dummy made to look like Guy Fawkes that is burned on a bonfire?**
In a cellar underneath the House of Lords.	An effigy (often called a 'Guy').
What do fireworks represent during modern Bonfire Night celebrations?	**What word describes the crime of betraying one's country or sovereign?**
The explosives that were intended to be used in the plot.	Treason.
Why were the conspirators unhappy with King James I?	**How did the authorities discover the plot?**
They were unhappy because of the treatment of Catholics and the laws regarding religion at the time.	An anonymous letter was sent to Lord Monteagle, warning him to stay away from Parliament.
If a box of 12 sparklers costs £3.60, how much does one sparkler cost?	**If Max buys a bag of toffee apples for £4.50 and pays with a £10 note, what is his change?**
30p.	£5.50.