



## BONFIRE NIGHT

Lots of people love this night of fireworks, treacle toffee and, of course, bonfires! But do you know why we '**Remember, remember the 5th of November**'? Well, it's the anniversary of the **Gunpowder Plot**, a failed attempt to blow up **Parliament** in **1605**.

Back then, England was ruled by **King James I**, who followed the **Protestant** form of Christianity. Angry with the way he was treating **Catholics**, a group of men – including **Guy Fawkes** – hatched a plot to destroy the Houses of Parliament, with the King *inside*!

But before the attack could happen, Guy Fawkes was caught red-handed – along with **fuses, matches** and **36 barrels of gunpowder**. Oops! Since then, people have made bonfires on which they burn the 'Guy' – a dummy made to represent Mr. Fawkes. The event is also known as **Guy Fawkes Night**!