

HISTORY



YEAR 1

WHAT EVENTS HAVE CHANGED OUR WORLD?

The Big Picture

Children will explore how the Great Fire of London and the Gunpowder Plot have affected the world that we live in today.



End Point Knowledge

The Great Fire of London

- The Great Fire of London happened in 1666 and is a significant national disaster. It was caused by a fire in a bakery on Pudding Lane. The fire started on 2nd September and lasted until 6th September.
- It spread rapidly between the closely built wooden houses – knocking down houses before the fire could reach them helped control the fire.
- It was because of this event that the City of London created a Fire Service.
- We know about the fire because people wrote about it. One example is Samuel Pepys who buried his diary along with his wine and cheese so they wouldn't get burnt.

The Gunpowder Plot

- The Gunpowder Plot of 1605 was a plan to kill King James I of England and VI of Scotland.
- They wanted to do this because they were furious at the unfair treatment of Catholics (a type of Christian). They wanted to form a new government which would be more fair.
- One member of the group had sent a letter to his brother-in-law which revealed some of the details of the plot; it read: "I advise you to devise some excuse not to attend this parliament, for they shall receive a terrible blow, and yet shall not see who hurts them"
- Because of this letter, Guy Fawkes was arrested before he could light the barrels.
- We remember the Gunpowder Plot every year on Bonfire Night, when we light bonfires and set off fireworks. Some people also burn a dummy dressed as Guy Fawkes on the bonfire.

Key Vocabulary

London, Gunpowder, Parliament, Government, Laws, arrested, fire brigade, diary