The Spring Partnership Trust – Knowledge Organiser

History Focus

Guy Fawkes and
Bonfire Night

Year 2

Autumn 2

When? (Key Knowledge)	
1570	Guy Fawkes is born in the English city of York
1603	King James becomes King of England
1604	The group begin a plot again King James I
March 1605	The plotters rent a cellar under the Houses of Parliament
October 1605	Lord Monteagle receives an unsigned letter warning him not to go the opening of the Houses of Parliament
5 th November 1605	Guy Fawkes is found in the cellar by the King's guards, along with 36 barrels of gunpowder
January 1606	Guy Fawkes is executed

Background Information

The Gunpowder Plot was a failed attempt to blow up England's King James I (1566-1625) and the Parliament on November 5, 1605. The plot was organized by Robert Catesby (c. 1572-1605) in an effort to end the persecution of Roman Catholics by the English government.

What? (Key vocab)	
Spelling	Definition
Executed	To kill someone as a punishment for committing a serious crime
Gunpowder	A chemical that explodes when set alight
Houses of Parliament	The buildings where the British government does its work
Monarch	A king or queen
The Gunpowder plot	An illegal plan to blow up the Houses of Parliament in order to kill King James and his government
Tower of London	A historic castle based on the North Bank of the River Thames

Diagrams and Symbols



Who?	
King James I	He was the ruling King of the English Protestant government
Guy Fawkes	A conspirator in the Gunpowder Plot of 1605
Robert Catesby	The leader of the Gunpowder Plot
Thomas Percy	He helped fund the group and secured the leases to certain properties in London
Lord Monteagle	The brother-in-law of one of the conspirators, who warned the king of the plot after receiving an

anonymous letter.