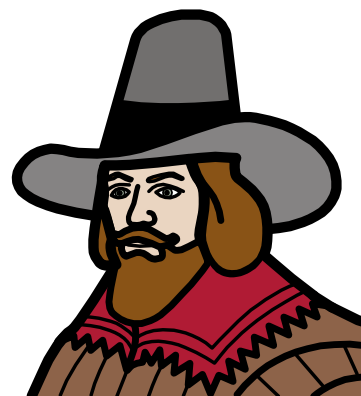
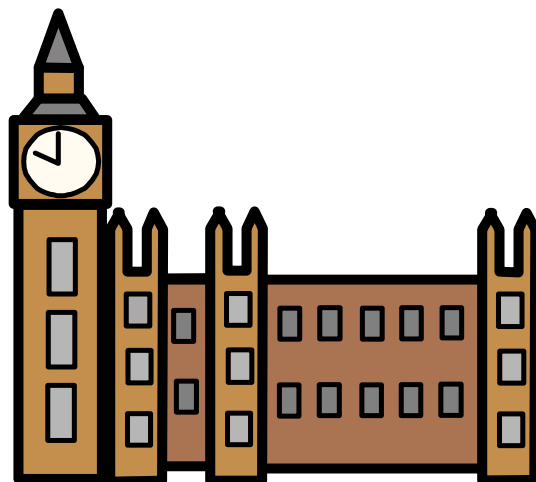
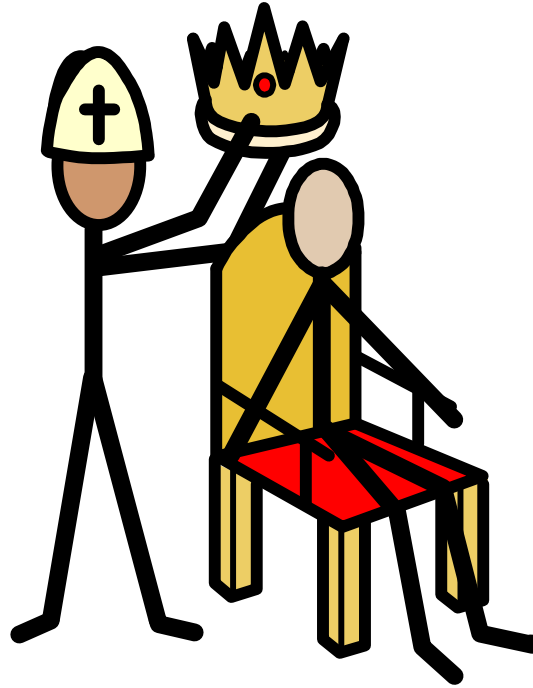


The Gunpowder Plot



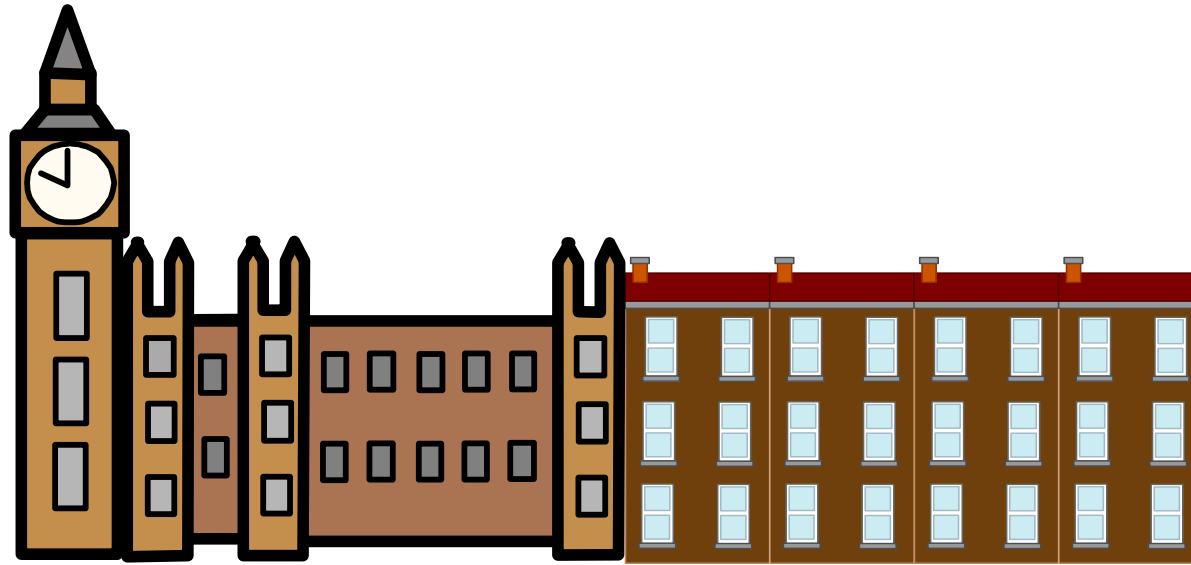


In 1603 James 1 became King of England.

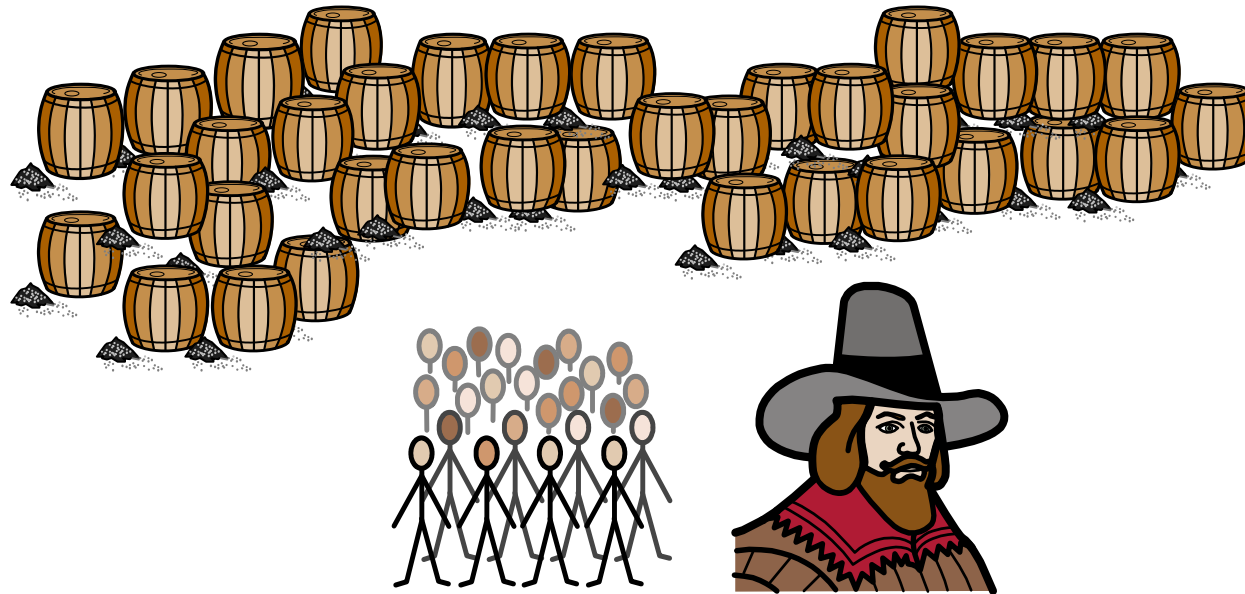
Protestants and Catholics had been fighting for years.

A Catholic man called Robert Catesby decided to do something.

He met with 5 men; one was called Guy Fawkes.



Robert Catesby wanted to get rid of the King and his Parliament.
He decided to blow up the Houses of Parliament with gunpowder.
So he and the others rented a building next to the Parliament buildings.
They dug tunnels underneath to get in to the cellars.

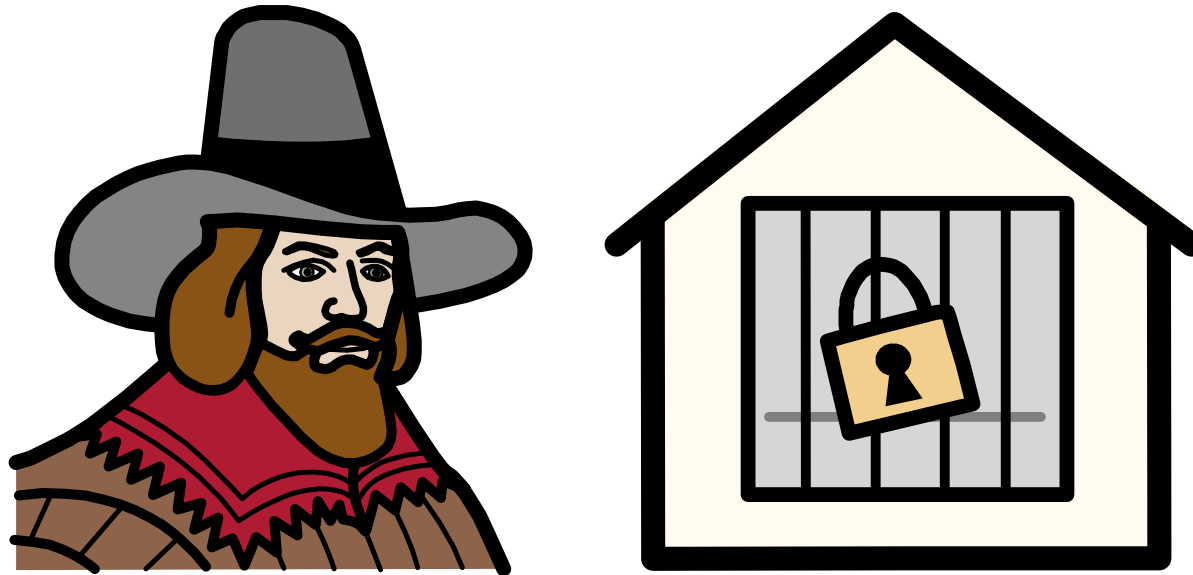


Many others joined them in their plot to blow up Parliament.

They eventually rented another cellar underneath the House of Lords.

They stored 36 barrels of gunpowder in the cellar.

They wanted the explosion to cause a lot of damage.



The plot was to blow up the House of Lords on November 5th 1605.

This was when the King was going to open Parliament.

But the plot was discovered and Guy Fawkes was arrested.

He was taken to prison and executed in January 1606.



The others were arrested and executed.

The members of Parliament were very pleased that they were not blown up.

A new law was passed to celebrate November 5th.

We celebrate bonfire night with fireworks and bonfires.