

City Life – Year 1 – Spring 1

London

As well as being the capital city of the United Kingdom, London is also the capital city of England. It is the largest city in the United Kingdom. Over eight million people live in London. The River Thames is the main river that runs through the city. Other rivers include the River Lea and the River Roding.

Landmarks

A landmark is a feature, such as a building, that can be seen from far away. A landmark can help you to describe your location. London has many famous landmarks.



Houses of Parliament



Tower Bridge



Royal Albert Hall



London Eye



St Paul's Cathedral



The Gherkin

Physical features

The landscape of the United Kingdom has many different physical features.



river



flatland



mountain



forest

Life in a city

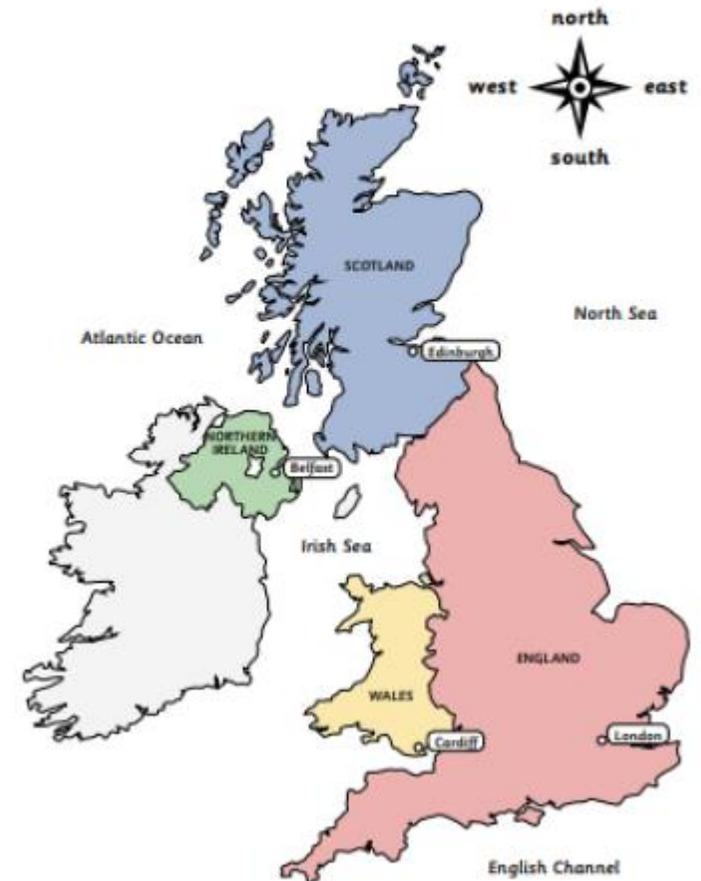
A city is a large, busy settlement where lots of people live and work. A city usually has a cathedral, a river, important buildings and offices where people work. There are lots of things to see and do in a city. There are many shops and restaurants to visit.



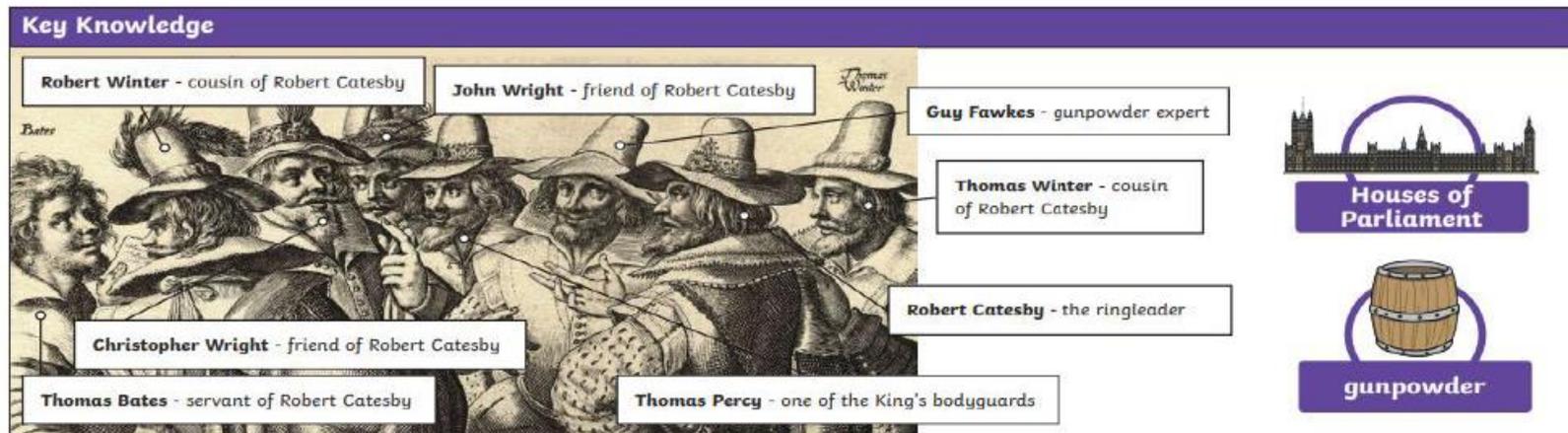
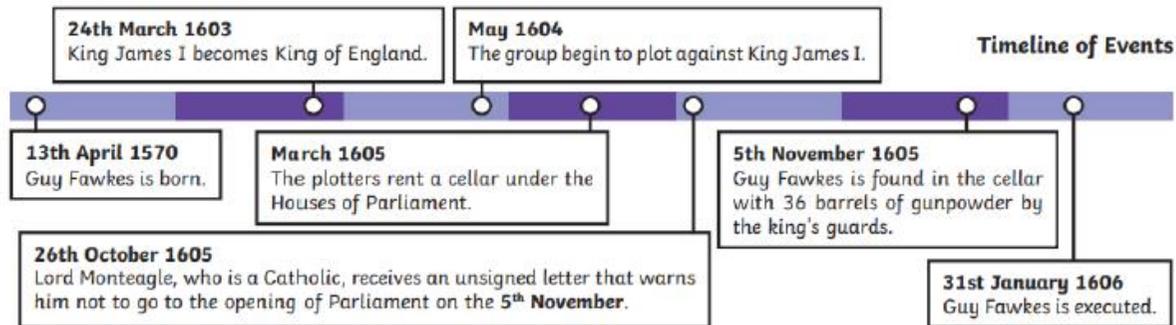
Aerial view of London

United Kingdom

The United Kingdom is in Europe. It is made up of England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales. The capital city of the United Kingdom is London.



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Key Events and Facts	
What was the Gunpowder Plot?	The Gunpowder Plot was a plot to kill King James I and his government by blowing up the Houses of Parliament.
Who was involved in the plot?	Robert Catesby, Guy Fawkes, Thomas Percy, and five of their friends were involved.
Why were they plotting?	Under the rule of James I, Catholics were treated unfairly. The plotters were all Catholic and wanted King James removed from the throne.
How was the plot stopped?	A letter was sent to Lord Monteagle, who was due to go to the Houses of Parliament, warning him of the plot. He told the king, who sent guards to search the cellars. They found Guy Fawkes and gunpowder.
Why do we celebrate Bonfire Night?	King James I ordered that people should celebrate his survival on the 5th November. To this day, people still light bonfires and burn 'guys' (puppets made of straw, named after Guy Fawkes) to celebrate.

Key Vocabulary	
The Gunpowder Plot	A plot to blow up the Houses of Parliament to kill King James I and his government.
Catholics	Members of the Catholic church.
Protestants	Christians who are not Catholic.
Houses of Parliament	The building in London where the government works.
Gunpowder	An explosive powder that was used in guns.