Dance: The Gunpowder Plot

You are going to pretend to be a member of the Gunpowder Plot! Creep about and hide so that no one spots you. Now pretend to find a fellow plotter. Can you hold an imaginary conversation with them? Try whispering and gesturing with your hands. How can you make it look like you are talking?



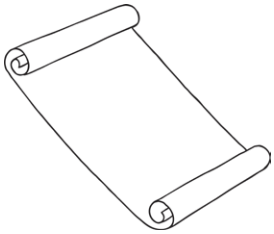
Practise pulling different faces in the mirror. Can you pull an angry, sad, scared, excited, surprised and disgusted face? Now pretend to be an angry person in a crowd watching Guy Fawkes being taken away. You are angry that he tried to blow up your king. How can you show you are angry with your face and your body? Can you make up an angry dance?



Practise rolling a ball. Try different size balls. Can you roll them with your feet as well as your hands? Now pretend to roll a barrel of gunpowder. Remember it could explode so needs to be handled carefully! How can you stop it rolling out of control? Will a barrel move differently to a ball because of it's shape?



Can you remember the story of the Gunpowder Plot? Try retelling it or acting it out. Can you remember any of the dances you have done to retell it? Try practising them.



Pretend to be a solider looking for Guy Fawkes. March about with straight arms and legs to a steady beat. Can you remember your pathway and repeat it? Try marching in unison with someone else. Are you able to keep time together? Can you make up a marching dance?



We remember the Gunpowder Plot by having bonfires. Pretend to collect the wood to build a bonfire. Now dance round it with floating movements like a flame. Can you make any fire noises with your body? You could try clapping your hands, stamping your feet or clicking your fingers.

