

Year 2: Autumn Term- The Great Fire of London



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Knowledge Organiser:

- To understand what we mean by history.
- To order dates on a timeline
- To use common words and phrases relating to the passing of time.
- To ask questions about the past
- To describe differences/changes to objects/ways of life, over time
- To use historical evidence to inform them.
- To compare aspects of life in different periods



Key Vocabulary

Bakery	A place that makes bread, cakes, etc.
St Paul's Cathedral	A very large church in London.
Diary	A book that people write about their lives in.
Firebreak	A gap that stops a fire spreading to nearby buildings.
Eyewitness	A person who saw an event and can describe it.
Pudding Lane	Where the fire started
Tower of London	Where the king lived in 1666.
Flammable	When something burns easily.
Oven	A place where food is cooked.
Leather bucket	Leather is a material and was what buckets were made from before plastic was invented.

Key People

Samuel Pepys

Samuel Pepys wrote a famous diary about the fire. He was in the city when the fire happened and so his diaries are very reliable.



Samuel Pepys

Thomas Farriner

Thomas Farriner was the owner of the bakery on Pudding Lane where the fire started.



Thomas Farriner

King Charles II

Charles II was the King of England at the time of the fire.



Key Knowledge:

When was the Great Fire of London?

The Great Fire of London started on Sunday 2nd September 1666 and ended on Thursday 6th September 1666.

Where did the fire start?

The fire started in a bakery on Pudding Lane.

Why did the fire spread so quickly?

In 1666, the buildings in London were very close together and many were made of wood and had straw roofs.

What happened after the fire?

After the fire, many buildings were rebuilt. King Charles II ordered that buildings were built further apart and made of stone to make sure the fire could not happen again so easily.

Timelines

Timeline of Events

Monday 3rd September 1666

The fire gets very close to the Tower of London.

Tuesday 4th September 1666

St Paul's Cathedral is destroyed by the fire.

Sunday 2nd September 1666

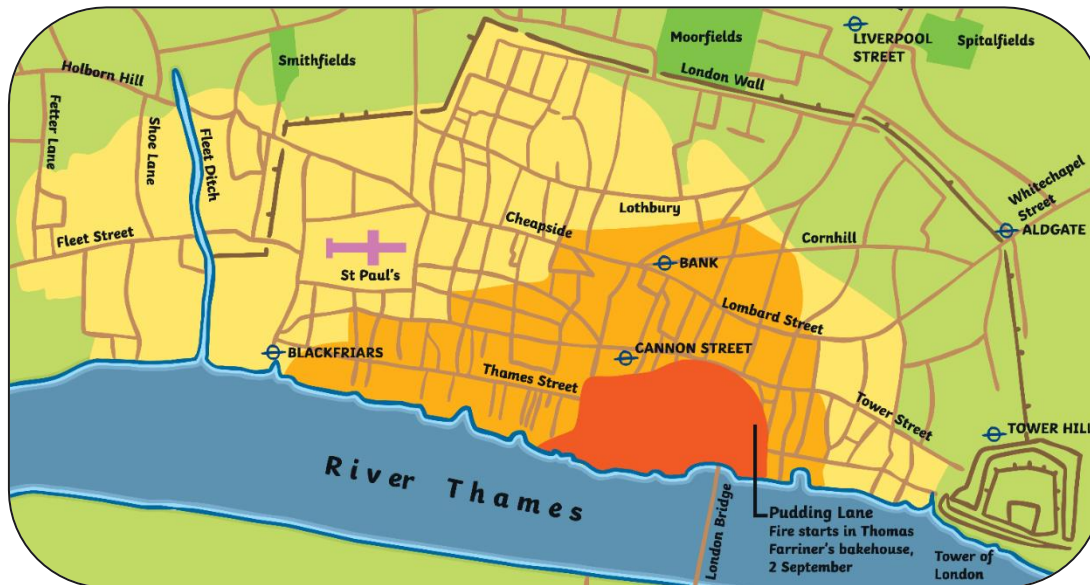
The fire starts at around 1 a.m.
Mid-morning: Samuel Pepys starts to write about the fire in his **diary**.

Wednesday 5th September 1666

The wind dies down and the fire spreads more slowly.

Thursday 6th September 1666

The fire is finally put out.
Thousands of people are left homeless.



Spread of the Fire

- Sunday 2nd September 1666
- Monday 3rd September 1666
- Tuesday and Wednesday 4-5th September 1666

