



Year 2
The Great Fire of London
Knowledge Organiser



Key Vocabulary

Bakery - a place that makes bread, cakes etc.

Diary - a book that people write about their lives in.

Eyewitness - a person who has seen something and can give a description of it.

Firebreak - a gap that stops a fire spreading to nearby buildings.

Fire Hooks - a giant hook used to pull down houses.

Flammable - when something burns easily.

Leather bucket - leather was used to make buckets before plastic was invented.

Pudding Lane - the street where the fire started.

Key Facts

The fire started on Sunday 2nd September 1666 in Thomas Farriner's bakery on Pudding Lane. It lasted for 5 days.

The fire spread quickly because it hadn't rained in London for months, the houses were mainly built from wood and straw and the houses were built very close together.


There was no fire brigade so ordinary people had to use leather buckets and water squirts to try and put out the fire.

By Thursday 6th September 1666, the wind had died down so people were able to put out the flames.

6 people died as a result of the fire.


13,200 houses were destroyed and 70,000 people were left homeless.

Key People



Samuel Pepys

Samuel Pepys lived in London during the Great Fire of London and wrote about it in his diary.



Thomas Farriner

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



King Charles II

King Charles II was the King of England in 1666. After the fire he said that houses must be built further apart and built from stone.

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 1 a.m.

Mid-morning: Samuel Pepys starts to write about the fire in his **diary**.

Wednesday 5th September 1666

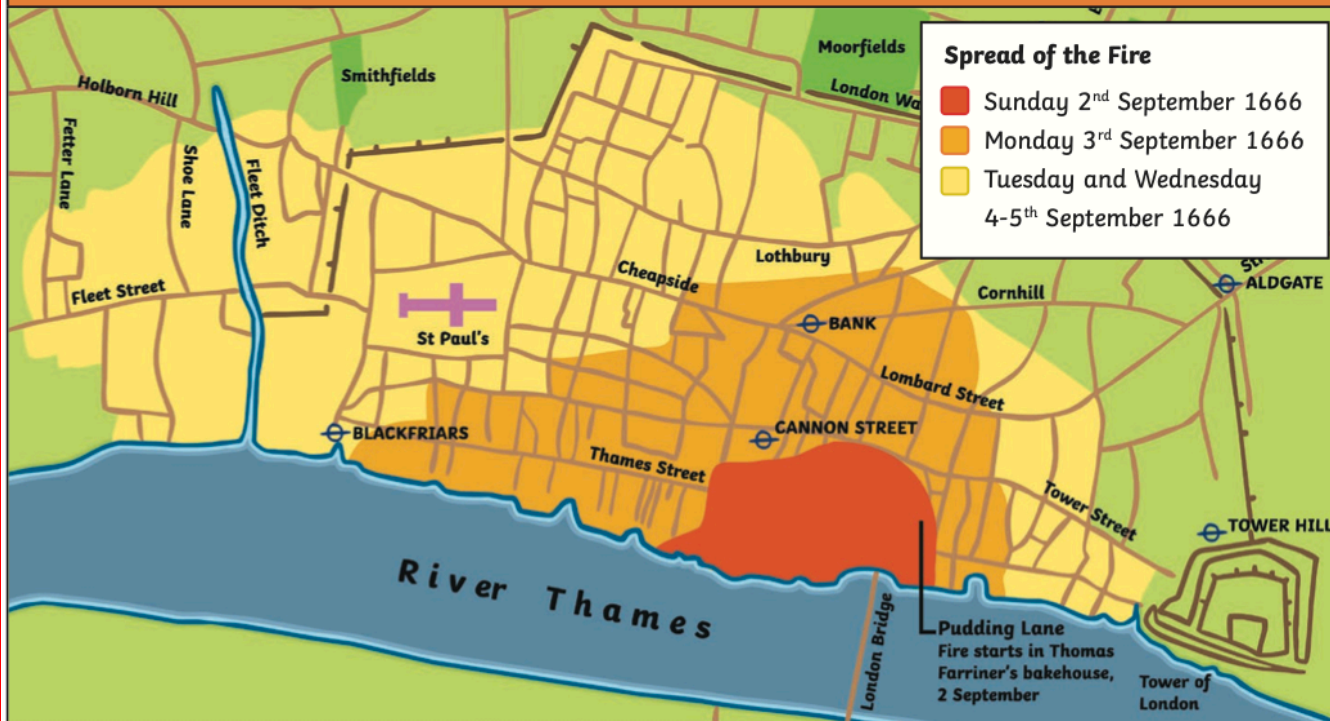
The wind dies down and the fire spreads more slowly.

Thursday 6th September 1666

The fire is finally put out.

Thousands of people are left homeless.

Key Knowledge



Useful Websites

The Great Fire of London game- Tell the story through different characters.

<http://www.fireoflondon.org.uk/game/>

CBBC Newsround- guide to The Great Fire of London.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/37222884>

CBeebies; Isabell's Escape- listen to the story of one girl's experience of The Great Fire of London in this podcast.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/radio/my-story-isabell-great-fire>

The Great Fire of London quiz:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/puzzles/my-story-fire-of-london-quiz>