

# The Great Fire of London Year 1 Spring 2

National Curriculum subject content: Significant historical events and significant individual – Samuel Pepys

Key skills covered: Chronology, characteristic features, continuity and change, cause and consequence, historical interpretation and historical enquiry

## Key Vocabulary:

**Bakery** – a shop where bread and cakes are made.  
**Oven** – a place where food is cooked. Today we use gas or electricity to heat ovens but in 1666 they burnt wood to heat the oven.  
**Leather bucket** – leather is a material and was what buckets were made from before plastic was invented.  
**Fire hooks** – giant hooks used to pull houses down.  
**Fire break** – When buildings are destroyed to make a break so the fire can't spread to the next building.  
**Flammable** – when something burns easily.  
**King Charles II** – the king of England in 1666.  
**Samuel Pepys** – a famous man who wrote a diary about the fire.  
**Eyewitness** – a person who saw an event and can therefore describe it.  
**St Paul's Cathedral** – a famous Christian church which burnt down during the fire. It was rebuilt and still exists today.  
**Tower of London** – where the king lived in 1666. It did not catch fire because the fire was stopped just before it reached the place.

## Important places:

London  
 Pudding Lane  
 St Paul's Cathedral  
 River Thames  
 Tower of London



Samuel Pepys



King Charles II

<p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> September 1666</b>                      1:30am: a fire starts in Thomas Farrinor's bakery in Pudding Lane. The fire probably came from the over.</p>	<p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> September 1666</b>                      7am: Samuel Pepys wakes up and finds out that the fire had already burnt down 300 houses.</p>	<p><b>3<sup>rd</sup> September 1666</b>                      The firemen try to put the fire out by using leather buckets of water and then pulling down houses with fire hooks. They hope this will make a fire break but the fire keeps spreading.</p>	<p><b>4<sup>th</sup> September 1666</b>                      St Paul's Cathedral burns down.</p>	<p><b>6<sup>th</sup> September 1666</b>                      The Great Fire of London finally stops but many people are left homeless.</p>
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