

The Great Fire of London

Who were the key people?



Samuel Pepys



King Charles II



Thomas Farriner



Christopher Wren

What did London look like?



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.

Timeline of Events

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.

History

Year: 2

Term: Autumn 1

Key events and facts

When did the fire start?	The fire started on Sunday 2 nd September 1666.
Where did the fire start?	It started in Thomas Farriner's bakery on Pudding Lane.
Why did the fire start?	Ovens in the bakery were not put out properly and a spark started the fire.
Why did the fire spread so quickly?	In 1666, buildings in London were made of wood and straw and very close together. It had also been a dry summer and strong winds caused the flames to spread.
How did people try to put the fire out?	People used leather buckets, water squirts and fire hooks but these did not work. Everyone pulled the houses down.
When did the fire end?	The fire stopped on Thursday 6 th September 1666.

Key vocabulary

Bakery	A place that bakes bread or cakes.
St Paul's Cathedral	A large church in London.
Diary	A book that people wrote in.
Witness	Someone who saw an event.

What did London look like?

