

History - Year 2 - Fire Fire - How can the past change the future?



Vocabulary Top Ten:

17th Century	A period in History that lasted between 1601 and 1700
Fire Break	When buildings are destroyed to make a break so the fire can't spread to the next building
Fire Hook	Giant hooks that pulled houses down to stop the spreading of fire
Flammable	Something that burns easily
Pudding Lane	Where the Great Fire started in London
River Thames	The river that runs through London where many people escaped to
St Pauls Cathedral	An Anglican cathedral in London
Samuel Pepys	An English diarist who wrote a diary of the Great Fire Of London
Thatched Roof	A roof made of dry vegetation such as straw and reeds
Thomas Farriner	The owner of the bakery where the Great Fire started

Map of how the fire spread



Artists impression of the fire

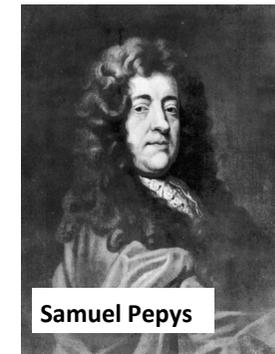


St Paul's Cathedral



Key Facts:

- The fire started in Thomas Farriner's bakery. A spark must have jumped from the hearth and landed on some twigs.
- Samuel Pepys wrote a diary and this is why we know so much about the fire.
- The fire spread fast because 17th century houses were built close together and many made of wood and straw roofs.
- People took boats on the River Thames to get away from the fire as it was spreading.
- The fire started on Sunday 2nd September and lasted until Thursday 6th September 1666.
- Houses were pulled down to help prevent the fire from spreading.
- St Paul's Cathedral was one of the buildings destroyed in the fire.
- After the fire, King Charles II ordered buildings built further apart



Samuel Pepys



Fire Bucket

Great Fire of London Timeline

2nd September 1666 Early morning The fire started in a baker's shop on Pudding Lane.	2nd September 1666 morning A man called Samuel Pepys started to write about what was happening in a diary.	2nd September 1666 Sunday Evening The fire spread easily because many of the buildings were close together and made out of wood.	3rd September 1666 Monday morning Buildings were pulled down and water was thrown. This did not stop the fire.	3rd September 1666 Monday Morning People had to carry their belongings to safety using boats on the river Thames.	3rd September 1666 Monday Evening The fire spread very close to the Tower of London.	4th September 1666 Tuesday St Paul's Cathedral was destroyed in the fire.	5th September 1666 Wednesday The fire started to burn more slowly as the wind died down.	6th September 1666 Thursday Many houses were pulled down to stop the fire spreading, the fire stopped.
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