

Great Fire of London Knowledge Organiser

Key Vocabulary

Bakery	A place that makes bread.
Diary	A book that people write about their lives in.
Embers	Small pieces of glowing coal or
Eye Witness	Somebody who saw the event happen.
Fire Break	A gap that stops a fire spreading to nearby buildings.
Flammable	A material which can catch fire.
London	The capital city of England.
River Thames	A big river in London which was used for escaping.
St Pauls Cathedral	A very large church in London. A new St Paul's Cathedral was built after the fire.
Thatched roof	A roof made from straw and reeds.

Key Images

Samuel Pepys– Wrote a diary at the time of the fire.



There were no camera's, so artists painted the scene afterwards.



The houses were build so close together, it helped the fire spread quickly.



When and where did the fire start?

The fire started on Sunday 2nd September 1666 in Thomas Farriner's bakery on Pudding Lane.

Why did the fire spread so quickly?

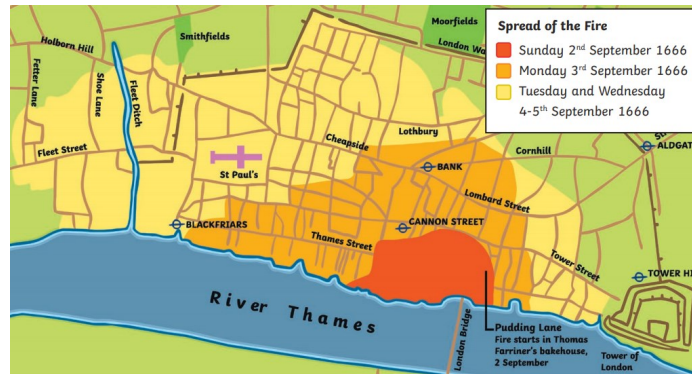
- *There had been a drought.
- *People's houses were made from wood and straw.
- *Buildings were build very close together.
- *There was no official fire brigade.

How did they fight the fire?

People used leather buckets and water squirts to try to put the fire out, but these did not work. Later in the week, King Charles II ordered buildings to be pulled down to stop the flames from spreading

How was the fire finally put out?

By Thursday 6th September, the wind had died down. This meant that people were able to put out the flames.



Key People



Samuel Pepys



Thomas Farriner



King Charles II

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.