

Great Fire of London

Prior knowledge

- We have learned about fire fighters in our 'People who help us' topic in EYFS.
- We have begun to think about historical sources in our castles topic.



What will I be learning about?

- Retelling key events that happened in the Great Fire using words to show the passing of time.
- Exploring sources in historical enquiry.
- Comparing life today and life in the past

Fact file

The Great Fire of London started on Sunday 2nd September 1666 and ended on Thursday 6th September 1666

The fire started in a bakery on Pudding Lane.

In 1666, the buildings in London were very close together and many were made of wood and had straw roofs. This made it easy for the fire to spread.

After the fire, many buildings were rebuilt. King Charles II ordered that buildings were built further apart and made of stone to make sure the fire could not happen again so easily.

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 around 1 a.m.
Mid-morning: Samuel Pepys starts to write about the fire in his **diary**.

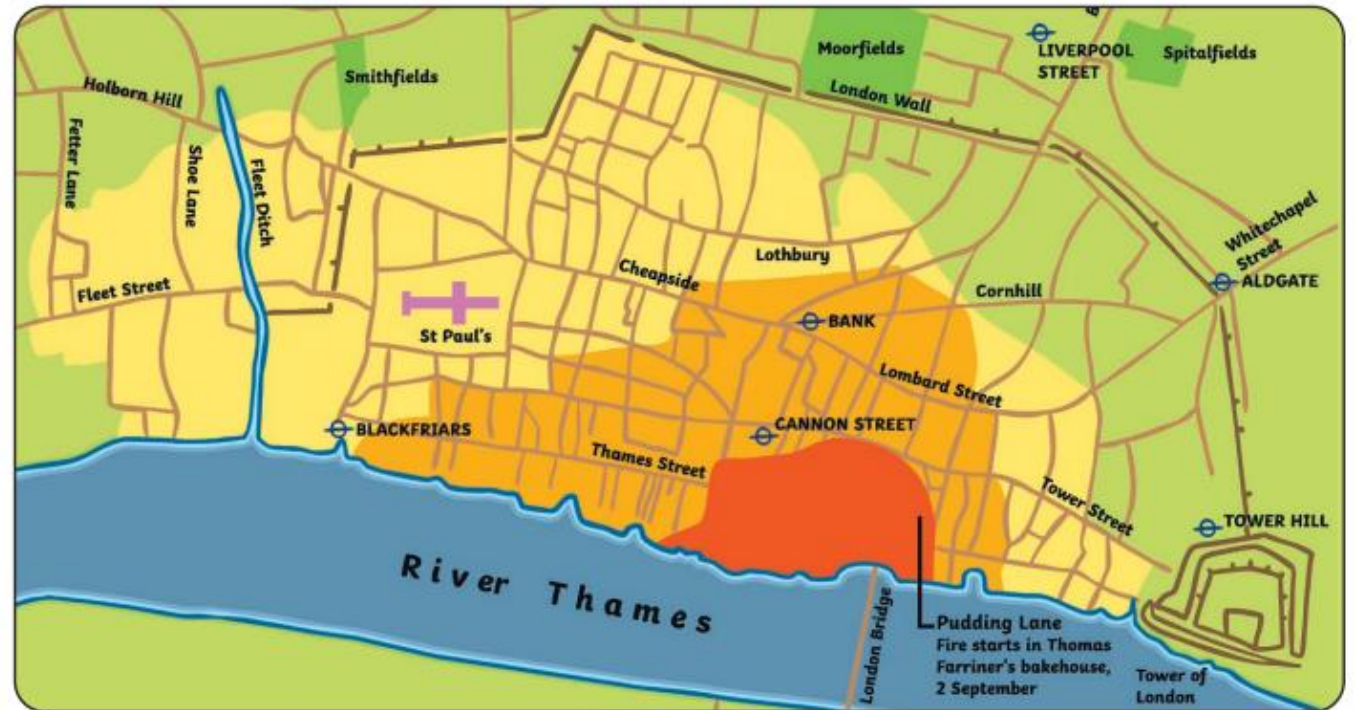
Wednesday 5th September 1666

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.

Map of the fire



Key Vocabulary	
bakery	A shop where bread is made and sold.
diary	A book that people write about their lives in.
fire engine	A vehicle that carries things used to put out fires.
firefighter	People who put out fires as their job.
St Paul's Cathedral	A very large church in London. St Paul's Cathedral was rebuilt by Sir Christopher Wren after the fire.
rebuilt	Building something again after it has been broken or destroyed.
river Thames	The river that runs through the middle of London.
17th century	From the year 1601 to 1700. The Great Fire of London happened in the 17th century , in 1666.

Key People

		
Samuel Pepys	Sir Christopher Wren	King Charles II