

# What did we learn from the Great Fire of London?

**Skills:** Recognise why people did things and why events happened and what happened as a result.

Identify different ways in which the past is represented.

Choose and use parts of stories and other sources to show understanding

**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.

## Key vocabulary:

bakery                      embers  
 Pudding Lane            bread  
 The monument          timber  
 oven                        eyewitness  
 Leather bucket          The plague  
 St Paul's Cathedral      past

## Must-know knowledge

- \* The Great Fire of London started on Sunday 2nd September 1666
- \* Many houses were made from wood (timber) and straw and they were built very close together
- \* The fire began in a bakery on Pudding Lane
- \* The fire burned for almost four days
- \* People tried to put the fire out with water squirts and leather buckets but they didn't work. King Charles II ordered buildings to be pulled down to

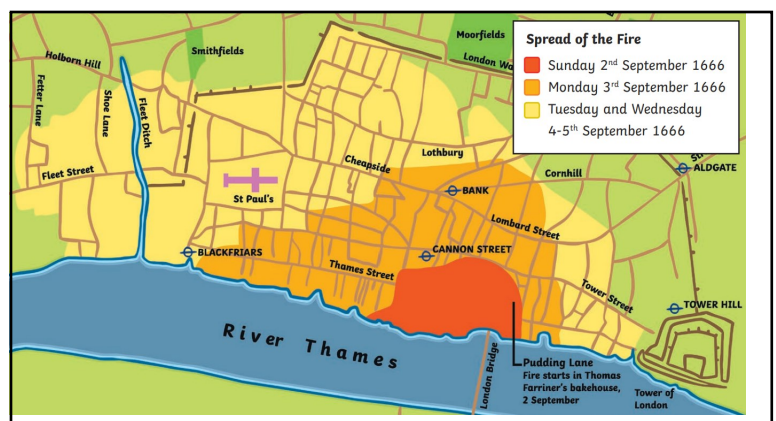
## Key people

**Thomas Farriner** owned the bakery in Pudding Lane where the fire started.

**Samuel Pepys** was an eyewitness to the Great Fire and his diary tells us what happened.

**King Charles II** ordered buildings to be pulled down to stop the fire spreading.

**Sir Christopher Wren** built new St. Paul's Cathedral and Monument after the fire.



## Timeline

BC (Before Christ)		AD (Anno Domini)																							
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