



## Y2 – The Great Fire of London

### Key vocabulary

<b>Bakery</b>	A place where bread or cakes are made and sold
<b>London</b>	The capital city of England and the United Kingdom
<b>Diary</b>	A personal record of life's events
<b>Eye-witness</b>	A person who has seen something and can give a description of it
<b>Fire hooks</b>	Giant hooks used to pull down houses
<b>Fire break</b>	When buildings are destroyed to make a gap so the fire can't spread
<b>Architect</b>	Someone who designs buildings

### Key Places

<b>Pudding Lane</b>	<b>The Tower of London</b>	<b>London Bridge</b>	<b>The River Thames</b>	<b>St Paul's Cathedral</b>
Where the fire started	Where many fled to escape the flames and where the wealthy put their valuables for safe keeping	The only crossing of the River Thames in the city of London	Where many people escaped to	Was raised to ground during the fire and then rebuilt using designs from Sir Christopher Wren.

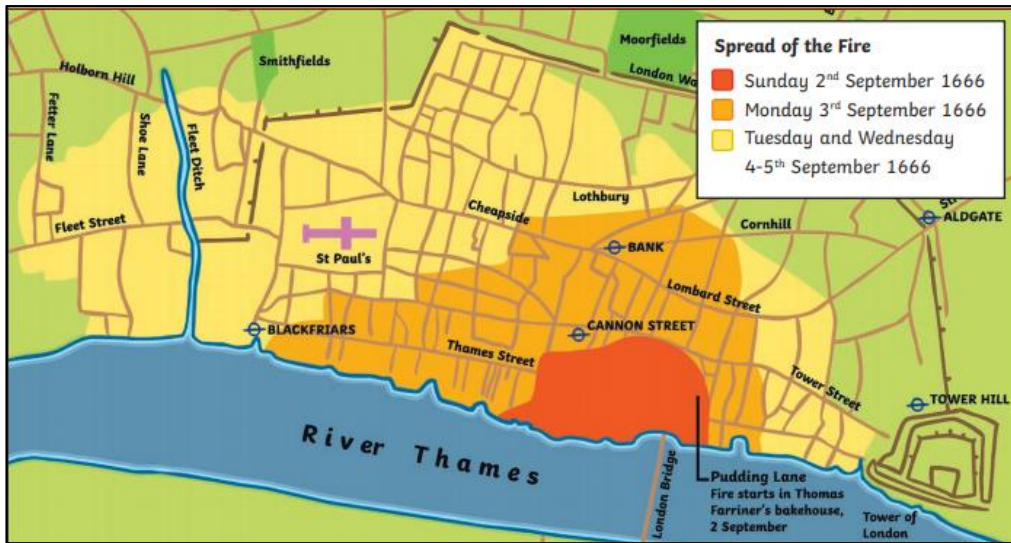
### Key People

<b>Thomas Farriner</b>	<b>Samuel Pepys</b>	<b>King Charles II</b>	<b>Sir Christopher Wren</b>
An ember from one of his bakery ovens ignited some nearby firewood	He lived in London and wrote about the fire in his diary.	King of England 1666. After the fire he made a decree that houses must be built from brick	The architect who redesigned London after the fire
			

### Key Questions and Facts

<b>When and where did the fire start?</b>	The fire of London started in a bakery on pudding lane on 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 1666.
<b>Why did the fire spread?</b>	It hadn't rained for months so the city was very dry. In 1666, lots of people had houses made from wood which burns easily. Houses were built too close together and there was no organized firebrigade.
<b>How did they fight the fire?</b>	They used leather buckets and squirts filled with water, axes, fire-hooks and gunpowder to make fire breaks.
<b>How did the fire stop?</b>	The fire burned for 4 days. As the wind died down and changed direction the fire became under control and was finally put out.
<b>How many people died?</b>	6 people died as a result of the fire. Thomas Farriner's maid was the first person to die because she was too scared to jump from the burning building.
<b>What happened after the fire?</b>	13,200 houses were destroyed in the fire and 70,000 people were left homeless. Many left London to live somewhere else and some slept in tents.

## Spread of the fire



## Leather bucket



## Water squirt



## Fire hook



Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September  
1666

The fire starts at 1am

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September  
1666

The fire gets very close to  
the Tower of London

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September  
1666

The wind dies down and the  
fire spreads more slowly

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Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1666

Mid-Morning Samuel Pepys  
starts to write about the fire in  
his diary

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September  
1666

St Paul's Cathedral is  
destroyed by the fire

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September  
1666

The fire is finally put out.  
Thousands of people are  
left homeless.