



Y2 – The Great Fire of London

Key vocabulary

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

Key Places

Pudding Lane	The Tower of London	London Bridge	The River Thames	St Paul's Cathedral
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.

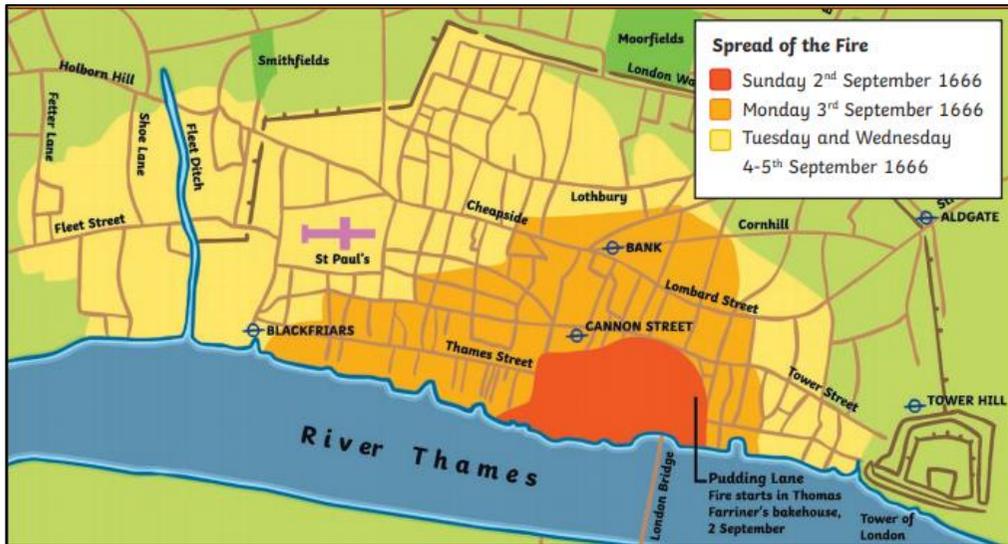
Key People

Thomas Farriner	Samuel Pepys	King Charles II	Sir Christopher Wren
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

When and where did the fire start?	The fire of London started in a bakery on pudding lane on 2 nd September 1666.
Why did the fire spread?	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.
How did they fight the fire?	They used leather buckets and squirts filled with water, axes, fire-hooks and gunpowder to make fire breaks.
How did the fire stop?	The fire burned for 4 days. As the wind died down and changed direction the fire became under control and was finally put out.
How many people died?	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.
What happened after the fire?	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 2nd September
1666

The fire starts at 1am

Monday 3rd September
1666

The fire gets very close to
the Tower of London

Wednesday 5th September
1666

The wind dies down and the
fire spreads more slowly

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Sunday 2nd September 1666

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

Tuesday 4th September
1666

St Paul's Cathedral is
destroyed by the fire

Thursday 6th September
1666

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