

Merry Hill Infant School and Nursery - Knowledge organiser

History

Topic: The Great Fire of London

Year Group : 2

Term: Autumn

Key Knowledge

When was the Great Fire of London?

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

Where did the fire start?

The fire started in a bakery on Pudding Lane in London

Why did the fire spread so quickly?

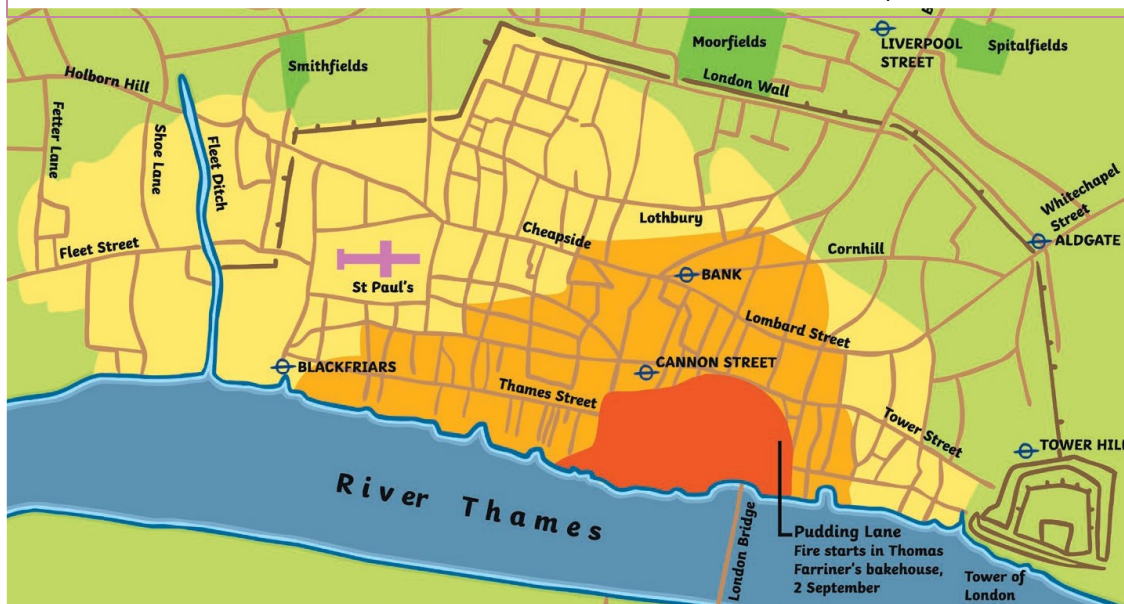
In 1666, the buildings in London were very close together and many were made of wood. Some houses also had roofs made of straw which caught fire very easily.

What happened after the Great Fire of London?

After the fire, many buildings were rebuilt. King Charles II ordered that buildings should be built much further apart and made of stone. This would help make sure another fire could not happen again as easily as this one.

The spread of the Great Fire of London

■ Sunday, 2nd September 1666 ■ Monday, 3rd September 1666 ■ Tuesday, 4th & Wednesday, 5th September 1666



Key Vocabulary

History	The study of events that took place in the past, before now
Significant	Someone, somewhere or something that is important
Fire	A chemical reaction that gives off heat and light
Burning	Injury or damage caused by too much heat, fire or radiation
Escaping	Break free from a dangerous situation
Smoke	A collection of tiny solid, liquid and gas particles
Fireman	A person who responds to calls for help when there is a fire
Samuel Pepys	Diary writer who lived through and wrote about the Great Fire of London
The Monument	Tower marking where the Great Fire of London started
Prevention	Efforts to stop bad or dangerous things from happening
Safety	Efforts to take precautions to keep people and things safe

Key people during the Great Fire of London

1: Samuel Pepys 2: King Charles II 3: Sir Christopher Wren



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A timeline of events during the Great Fire of London

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.

Wooden houses were common in London at the time of the Great Fire of London and this helped the fire spread quickly. Today, houses are rarely made of wood to prevent fires from spreading.

