



# Fire! Fire!

## Key facts:

- The fire started in a bakery on Pudding Lane.
- The fire started on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1666 and lasted for 4 whole days.
- In 1666 there was not a proper fire brigade. The navy used gunpowder to blow up houses in the path of the fire.
- 6 people sadly lost their lives.
- 13,200 houses were burnt down.
- Samuel Pepys wrote a diary describing the events of the Great Fire of London.
- Samuel Pepys saved his parmesan cheese from the fire by burying it.
- King Charles II was the reigning monarch during the Great Fire of London.
- Sir Christopher Wren was tasked with redesigning many of London's buildings after the fire, including St Paul's Cathedral.

**Eye witness:** a person who has seen something happen and can give a first-hand description of it.

**Monarch:** a sovereign head of state, especially a king, queen or emperor.

**Learning Journey—** Our learning this term will follow the theme 'Fire! Fire!' The children will be learning about the Great Fire of London, Samuel Pepys and King Charles II and other significant monarchs. The children will learn to compare London past and present and will develop an understanding of events beyond living memory. They will also develop their history skills by learning about significant historical events, people and places within the local area. They will also be using their knowledge to apply in real life modern day situations.

The children will develop their use of geographical vocabulary and will be able to describe and locate key human features such as cities, towns, villages, factories, farms, houses, shops and ports.

### Need to know

fire  
smoke  
fireman  
bread  
bakery  
Pudding Lane  
houses  
burned  
September 1666  
city  
town  
village  
United Kingdom  
river  
diary  
London

### Nice to know

Thomas Farriner  
Tower of London  
King Charles II  
Saint Paul's Cathedral  
water pump  
Samuel Pepys  
leather buckets  
River Thames  
Tudor

### Super specialist

Sir Christopher Wren  
plague  
The Monument  
research  
significant  
profiteers  
thatched roof  
John Evelyn  
eye witness  
leather bottle sign

<u>Links to Prior Learning</u>	<u>Key Texts</u>	<u>Links to Future Learning</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• knowledge of past, present and future.</li> <li>• Kings and Queens, including our current Queen.</li> <li>• learning about continents, countries and capital cities (Year 1).</li> <li>• knowledge of London and significant landmarks, eg from reading <i>The Queen's Hat</i>.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Toby and The Great Fire of London</i> - Margaret Nash &amp; Jane Cope</li> <li>• <i>The Great Fire of London</i> -Liz Gogerly</li> <li>• <i>Mr Fawkes, the King and the Gunpowder Plot</i> - Tom Bradman &amp; Tony Bradman</li> <li>• <i>The Baker's Boy and the Great Fire of London</i> (Short Stories)</li> <li>• <i>Vlad and the Great Fire of London</i> by Sam Cunningham</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• links to learning about other significant people eg Florence Nightingale, Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong.</li> <li>• Links to learning about continents and the Nile.</li> <li>• Comparing London with other locations.</li> <li>• Links to Great Great Britain topic.</li> <li>• learning about significant monarchs.</li> </ul>

### Family Fun

- Watch the video about Samuel Pepys: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z7d7gwx/articles/zhgxcqt>
- Visit your local library or on online library to find out some facts about the Great Fire of London/ Samuel Pepys/ the history of the fire brigade. Challenge: Can you make a fact file?
- Watch the BBC clip from the Magic Grandad about the Great Fire of London: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VarSSAwiimU>
- Visit Pudding Lane and the Great Fire of London Monument in London. How do you think London has changed?
- Imagine you are a baker on Pudding Lane and bake some bread or cakes!
- Write your own diary about a special event. Remember to use the first person and your senses to describe eg 'I saw...', 'I felt...', 'I could smell...', 'I could hear...'
- Create your own Tudor house using items from your recycling. Can you include features of Tudor homes? eg a thatched roof.

# Great Fire of London Timeline

**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.

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