

Oasis Academy Short Heath

Topic: Fire! Fire! (The Great Fire of London)

Year: 2

Focus subject: History

What should I already know?

- Fires can be very dangerous!

Vocabulary

Samuel Pepys	Famous diary writer, recorded historical events
King Charles II	King of England at the time of the Fire of London
Thomas Farriner	The baker that accidentally started the Fire of London
Bakery	A shop or building where bread and cakes are baked in ovens, and sold
London	The largest city in England
River Thames	The large river that runs through the city of London
A diary	A person's written record of what happens in their life, every day.
A fireman	A person whose job is to put out dangerous fires
Pudding Lane	The street where the Fire of London started
Escaping	When people try to get away from something dangerous
A firebreak	A gap that stops fires spreading to nearby buildings
St Paul's Cathedral	A very large church in London

Key facts

(see below)

What will I know by the end of the unit?

What was...

- What was the Great Fire of London?



Who was...?

- Who was Charles II?



- Who was Thomas Farriner?



- Who was Samuel Pepys?



How did...

- How did the great fire spread so quickly?



Key facts

When and where did the fire start?

The fire started on Sunday 2nd September 1666 in Thomas Farriner's bakery on Pudding Lane.

Why did the fire start?

The fires used for baking were not put out properly.

Why did the fire spread so quickly?

In 1666, the buildings in London were made of wood and straw and they were very close together, making it easy for the flames to spread. It had also been a dry summer, so the buildings were dry. Strong winds were blowing, which helped the flames to spread.

How did people try to put the fire out?

People used leather buckets and water squirts to try to put the fire out, but these did not work. Later in the week, King Charles II ordered buildings to be pulled down to stop the flames from spreading.

How and when was the fire put out?

By Thursday 6th September, the wind had died down. This meant that people were able to put out the flames.