



# The Great Fire of London Year 2 – Knowledge Organiser



## History-1666

1. The fire started in Thomas Farriner's bakery on Pudding Lane in 1666 and lasted 5 days.
2. It spread because houses were very dry, close packed and

made of wood and straw (thatch), and there was a strong wind.

3. The disaster made London a better and safer city: streets were widened and buildings were made stronger, more fireproof and out of brick instead of wood.
4. The fire would be different if it happened today, we have firefighters who have protective equipment, fire engines and powerful hoses

## Think Like A Historian...

1. There can be more than one reason leading to an important historical event taking
2. Gathering reliable evidence helps us suggest what might have actually happened in the past

## Key People



Samuel Pepys

He wrote a detailed diary about the Great Fire of London.

## The Great Fire of London

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

The fire gets very close to the Tower of London.

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

**St Paul's Cathedral** is destroyed by the fire.

### Timeline of Events

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

The fire starts at around 1 a.m.  
Mid-morning: Samuel Pepys starts to write about the fire in his **diary**.

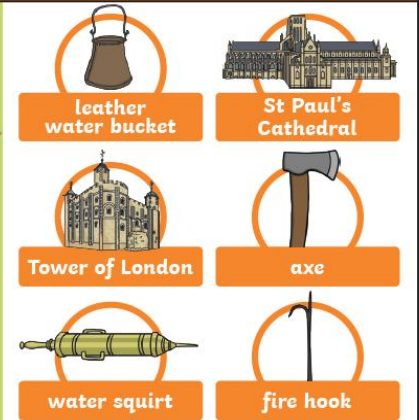
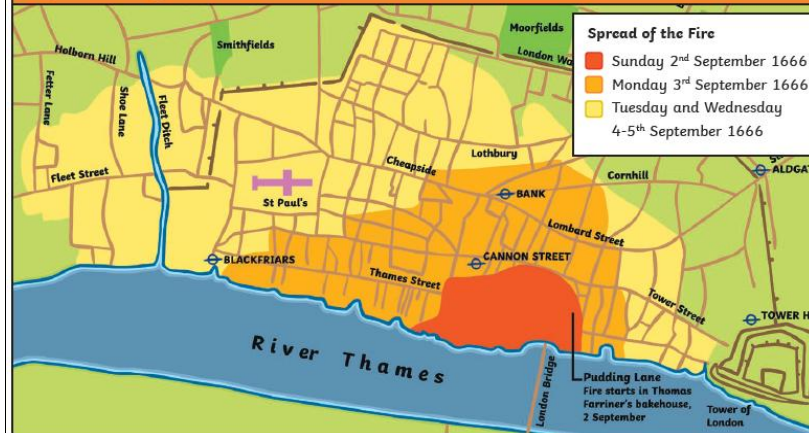
**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 1666**

The wind dies down and the fire spreads more slowly.

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

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

## Key Knowledge



## Music

We will be learning the round:  
 London's burning, London's burning  
 Fetch the engine, fetch the engine  
 Fire! Fire! Fire! Fire!  
 Pour on water, pour on water.

### Key Learning:

1. Rhythms are patterns of sounds that can be copied
2. Rhythms can be represented using sequences of stick notation symbols

## Key Vocabulary

|           |                                      |
|-----------|--------------------------------------|
| bakery    | A shop where bread is made.          |
| flammable | Something that catches fire.         |
| ignite    | The process of catching fire.        |
| London    | The capital city of England.         |
| Monument  | A structure to help people remember. |
| Thames    | The river running through London.    |



He was the King of England and Scotland at the time of the Great Fire of London. He made a speech to the people of London telling them how he would rebuild the city and how he would stop another disaster like the fire happening again.

