



History Knowledge Organiser

Autumn Term- The Great Fire of London

Events beyond Living Memory that are Significant Nationally

Year 2

Key Knowledge

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Key Questions

When was the Great Fire of London?

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

Why did the fire spread so quickly?

In 1666, the buildings in London were very close together and many were made of wood and had straw roofs. It had also been a dry

Where did the fire start?

The fire started in a **bakery** on Pudding Lane.

How did people try to put the fire out?

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

Why did the fire start?

The fires used for baking were not put out properly.

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.

What happened after the fire?

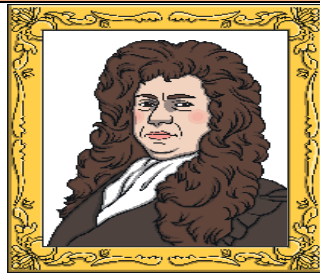
After the fire, many buildings were **rebuilt**. King Charles II ordered that buildings were built further apart and made of stone to make sure the fire could not happen again so easily.

Vocabulary	Definition
Bakery	A place that makes bread, cakes, etc.
Eyewitness	A person who has seen something happen.
Diary	A book people write about their lives in.
St Paul's Cathedral	A very large church in London. A new cathedral was built after the fire.
Firebreak	A gap that stops a fire spreading to nearby buildings.
River Thames	People ran to the river to escape. This is the longest river in England.
Possessions	Items that people own.
Homeless	A person without a home. Many people were left homeless after their houses were destroyed by the fire.
Rebuilt	Building something again after it has been broken or destroyed.
17th Century	From the year 1601 to 1700. The Great Fire of London happened in the 17th century, in 1666.

Significant People



Thomas Farriner



Samuel Pepys



Sir Christopher Wren



King Charles II

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Key Concepts

The Great Fire of London

Spread of the Fire

- Sunday 2nd September 1666
- Monday 3rd September
- Tuesday and Wednesday 4th-5th September



City	A place where many people live closely together.
King	The male ruler of a country or a large part of a country. Generally given the role by being born or married into the appropriate family.
Technology	the use of knowledge to invent new devices or tools.

Chronology

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.

