



Knowledge Organiser – How the world has changed
Year 2 – Fire! Fire! – The Great Fire of London

Key Questions

When and where did the fire start?	The fire of London started in a bakery in Pudding Lane on 2 nd September 1666.
Why did the fire spread?	In 1666, the buildings in London were very close together and many were made of wood and had straw roofs.
How did they fight the fire?	They used leather buckets and squirts filled with water, axes, fire-hooks and gunpowder to make fire-breaks.
How did the fire stop?	By Thursday 6 th September, the wind had died down so people were able to put out the flames.
How many people died?	6 people died as a result of the fire.
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

Bakery	A shop where bread is made and sold.
Diary	A book that people write about their lives in.
River Thames	The river that runs through the middle of London.
St Paul's Cathedral	A very large church in London. St Paul's Cathedral was rebuilt by Sir Christopher Wren after the fire.
Firebreak	When buildings are destroyed to make a gap so the fire can't spread
Fire hooks	Giant hooks used to pull down houses
Flammable	Something that catches fire and burns easily
eyewitness	A person who has seen something and can give a description of it.



Spread of the fire

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

Key People



Samuel Pepys
wrote in his diary, which is why we have all this information



Thomas Farriner
owned the bakery where the fire started.



King Charles II
decided all buildings should be made of stone, not wood.

What I should already know:

- London is the capital city of England.
- History is things that happened in the past.
- Things happen in chronological order (in order of time).

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 1a.m. Mid-morning: Samuel Pepys begins 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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