

Year 2



Knowledge Organiser: History

Inquiry Question: Is fire a bad thing?

Key People and Vocabulary

Bakery	Firebreak	River Thames	Samuel Pepys	Thomas Farriner	King Charles II
Diary	Time Order	Fire Hook	Era	Pudding Lane	St Paul's Cathedral
Past	Present	Future	Important event	Time order	Artefact

In Year 1, you learnt:

British Monarchs, Castles and knights

To use simple vocabulary to describe the passing of time

Begin to describe similarities and differences between pictures and artefacts

Begin to order artefacts and pictures from significantly different time periods

First....Next....Then....

....happened because....

It is right because....

I know....comes before....because....

In my opinion....because....

Key Facts

- The fire started on Sunday 2nd September 1666 in Thomas Farriner's bakery on Pudding Lane.
- The fires used for baking were not put out properly.
- 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.
- 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.
- By Thursday 6th September, the wind had died down. This meant that people were able to put out the flames.

Sunday 2 nd September 1666	Monday 3rd September 1666	Tuesday 4th September 1666	Wednesday 5th September 1666	Thursday 6th September 1666
The fire starts at 1 a.m. Mid-morning: Samuel Pepys starts to write about the fire in his diary.	The fire gets very close to the Tower of London.	St Paul's Cathedral is destroyed by the fire.	The wind dies down and the fire spreads more slowly.	The fire is finally put out. Thousands of people are left homeless.