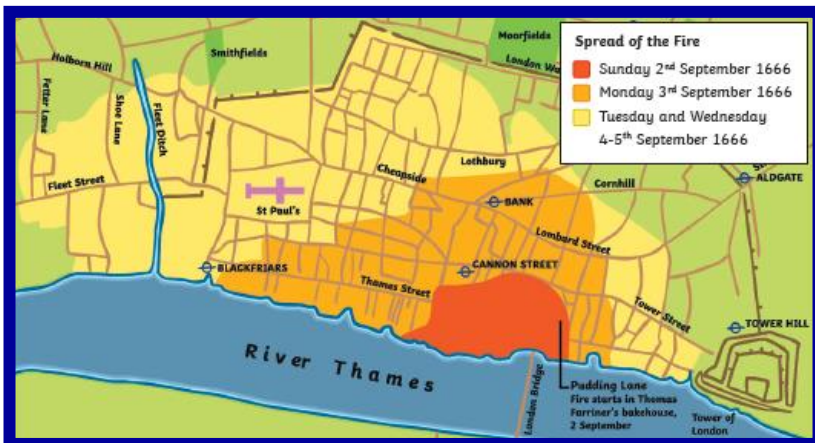


The Great Fire of London - Year 2



Key questions

Where is London compared to where we live? What is London like now? What was London like in the past? When and where did the fire start? Why did the fire start? Why did the fire spread so quickly? How did people try to put the fire out? How and when was the fire put out? How do we know about events from the past? What lessons did people learn from this tragic event?

Key dates

Sunday 2nd September 1666 - The fire starts at 1a.m.

Sunday 2nd September 1666 - Mid-morning, **Samuel Pepys** starts writing about the fire in his **diary**

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.

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.

Key Vocabulary to learn

AD (Anno Domini) - "in the year of our Lord". AD is used to show dates after the birth of Jesus.

Century - a time period of 100 years

17th Century - the years from 1600 to 1699 in the past

Britain - the island consisting of England, Scotland, and Wales, which together with Northern Ireland makes up the United Kingdom.

London - The capital and largest city of the United Kingdom

Capital city - the city or town where you find a country's government

Old - made or built a long time ago

Modern - from the present or recent times

River Thames - the longest river in England, flows through London to the North Sea

Source - a place, person or thing that can tell us about the past

Evidence - facts or information that show if something is true

Diary - a book that someone writes in to record events and experiences

Eyewitness - a person who has seen something happen

Architect - a person who designs buildings

Mayor - a person who is in charge of a town or city

Monument - a statue, building, or other structure made to remember an important person or event

