

Our History • The Great Fire of London

Key Learning Question: Was the great fire a good or bad thing for London?



Crucial Knowledge

We are getting better at investigating the past:

- The Great Fire started in 1666 in a bakery in Pudding lane.
- The Great Fire burned the city for five days.
- London was very different in 1666 than it is today.
- Houses were made of wood, straw, wattle and daub.
- A plague ran through London, carried by rats.
- Over thirteen thousands houses burned in the fire.
- St Paul's Cathedral was burned and later rebuilt.
- The Tower of London was saved.
- Some people escaped on rowing boats onto the river Thames but were left homeless.
- We know much of our information from Samuel Pepys's diary.

We are getting better at interpreting the past:

Big Ideas: Chronology • City (of London) • Monarch • Technology and Evolution • Society • Historical Sources



Important People & Places



Thomas Farriner

The Baker whose bakery in Pudding Lane the fire started in. Farriner said he thought his oven and candles had all been put out before he went to bed.



Samuel Pepys

Samuel Pepys was a rich and educated Londoner who kept a very detailed diary. His report of the fire helps us to learn about it today.



Pudding Lane

The place where the fire started. Today there is a Monument to the fire near the place where the original



Key Vocabulary

We are getting better at communicating historically

plague: An infectious disease which can be spread by fleas living on rats

cathedral: A large church run by a bishop

River Thames: Large river London is built around

city: A large or important town

fire brigade: Emergency service that did not exist during the Great Fire

century: One hundred years

wattle and daub: Method of building walls using wooden stakes and twigs woven together then filled with mud or clay

We Are Building Our Knowledge From

- Toys Through Time (Y1)
- The History of Flight (Y1)

This will help when we learn about

- Queen Victoria vs Queen Elizabeth (Y2)



Timeline

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2nd Sept 1666

The fire starts in the bakery early on Sunday morning

3rd Sept 1666

The fire has spread quickly, many people have escaped to the river

4th Sept 1666

St Paul's Cathedral and 13,000 houses are destroyed

5th Sept 1666

The wind dies down and the fire is brought under control

6th Sept 1666

Small fires remain but the Great Fire is over