

Key Knowledge

In 1666, a huge fire started in a bakery on Pudding Lane. It burned down most of London.

The fire lasted 4 days.

There had been a drought (it hadn't rained) so the city was very dry.

In 1666, lots of people had houses made from wood and straw which burns easily.

Houses were built too close together.

We know what happened because people wrote about it in their own personal diary and in the newspaper.

To fight fires during the 17th Century people had to use leather buckets and fire-fighters did not exist.

As the wind died down so did the fire and on Thursday (4 days after the fire started) it was put out.

Great Fire of London

1666

Links

- Diary entry (recount)
- Design a new house - description
- Information text on different jobs in 1666 and comparing them to jobs now.
- Make moving picture to illustrate a burning building during the great fire of London and people escaping across the River Thames.









WOW Activity

Making 17th Century bread and fire-fighters visit.



Vocabulary	Definition
bakery	A place where bread or cakes are made and sold.
London	The capital city of England and the United Kingdom.
diary	A personal record of life's events.
cart	A vehicle with two or four wheels pulled by a horse.
eye witness	A person who has seen something and can give a description of it.
embers	Small pieces of glowing coal or wood in a dying fire.
monument	A structure put up to remind us of a person or an event.

Timeline of the Great Fire

Early Sunday morning	Mid Sunday morning	Early Monday morning	Late Monday morning	Tuesday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
							
The fire starts at Thomas Farriner's bakery on Pudding Lane.	As news of the fire spreads, people run to escape from its path.	People carry their possessions to safety using boats on the River Thames.	Carts are banned from going near the fire.	Houses are pulled down in an attempt to stop the fire spreading.	St Paul's Cathedral is destroyed by the fire.	The fire starts to burn more slowly as the wind dies down.	The fire is finally under control and put out.