The Great Fire of London KS1

Key People

Key Vocabulary		
thatched	Roof covered with straw	
fire hook	A strong iron hook used at fires in tearing away burning timbers	
Stuart	The Royal family ruling Britain during 1603 -1714	
plague	A highly infectious disease	
chronology	The arrangement of events or dates in the order of occurrence	
fire engine	A vehicle that carries things used to put out fires.	
firefighter	People who put out fires as their job	
water pump	A pump used to suck up water and then squirt it at the fire	
rebuilt	Building something again after it has been broken or destroyed.	
river Thames	The river that runs through the middle of London.	
17 <sup>th</sup> century	From the year 1601 to 1700. The Great Fire of London happened in the <b>17</b> <sup>th</sup> <b>century</b> , in 1666.	







Samuel Pepys

Sir Christopher Wren

King Charles II

Key information			
When was the Great Fire of London?	The Great Fire of London started on Sunday 2nd September 1666 and ended on Thursday 6th September 1666.		
Where did the fire start?	The fire started in a <b>bakery</b> on Pudding Lane.		
Why did the fire spread so quickly?	In 1666, the buildings in London were very close together and many were made of wood and had straw roofs.		
What happened after the fire?	After the fire, many buildings were <b>rebuilt</b> . 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.		

## **Spread of the Fire**

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1666 Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 1666 Tuesday and Wednesday 4-5<sup>th</sup> September 1666





### **Timeline of Events**

### autumn

# Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1666

The fire starts at around 1 a.m.

Mid-morning: Samuel Pepys starts to write about the fire in his **diary**.

### Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> 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.