## **Knowledge organiser- History Year 1**

## How do stories teach us about the world around us? The Great Fire of London

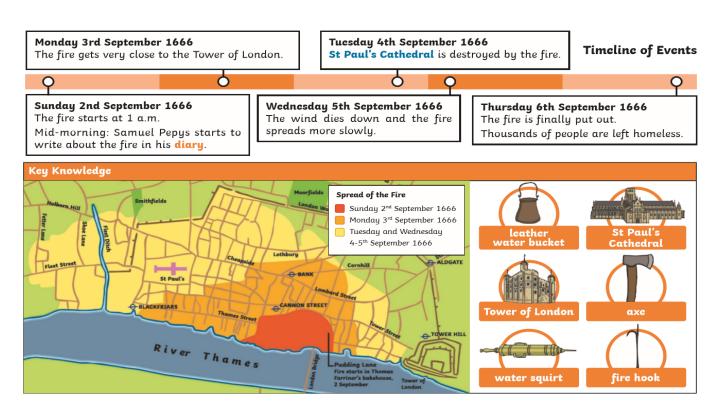
The Great Fire of London 1066, we know about what happened in this fire thanks to Samuel Pepys who wrote a diary about what happened.





Key vocabulary	
diary	A book that people write about
	their lives in
past	Something that happened or was
	done in the past
present	The period of time that is
	happening now
firebreak	A gap that stops a fire spreading to
	nearby buildings
St Paul's Cathedral	A very large church in London. A
	new St Paul's Cathedral was built
	after the fire

KEY EVENTS AND FACTS	
When and where	The fire started on Sunday 2nd September 1666 in Thomas Farriner's bakery on Pudding
did the fire start?	Lane.
Why did the fire	The fires used for baking were not put out properly.
start?	
Why did the fire	In 1666, the buildings in London were made of wood and straw and they were very close
spread so quickly?	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.
How did people try	People used leather buckets and water squirts to try to put the fire out, but these did not
to put the fire out?	work. Later in the week, King Charles II ordered buildings to be pulled down to stop the
	flames from spreading.
How and when was	By Thursday 6th September, the wind had died down. This meant that people were able
the fire put out?	to put out the flames.



## Investigate for yourself and useful links

This unit of work links to learning we did about different building in London when we learnt about Queen Elizabeth II

Newsround clip- what is the Great Fire of London <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/37253903">https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/37253903</a>
Horrible history song- rebuilding of London after the fire <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/watch/horrible-histories-great-fire-of-london">https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/37253903</a>
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Give this quiz ago what do you know about the fire <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/quizzes/grisly-great-fire-quiz">https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/quizzes/grisly-great-fire-quiz</a>

Interactive game <a href="http://www.fireoflondon.org.uk/">http://www.fireoflondon.org.uk/</a>

## At the end of this unit I will know...

- the main events of the Great Fire of London
- Who Samuel Pepys was and why he was important
- How diaries can help us find out about the past and tell us about people's lives
- Looked at what I would include in a Diary to tell people about life now