

# Year 2 Autumn Term Knowledge Organiser

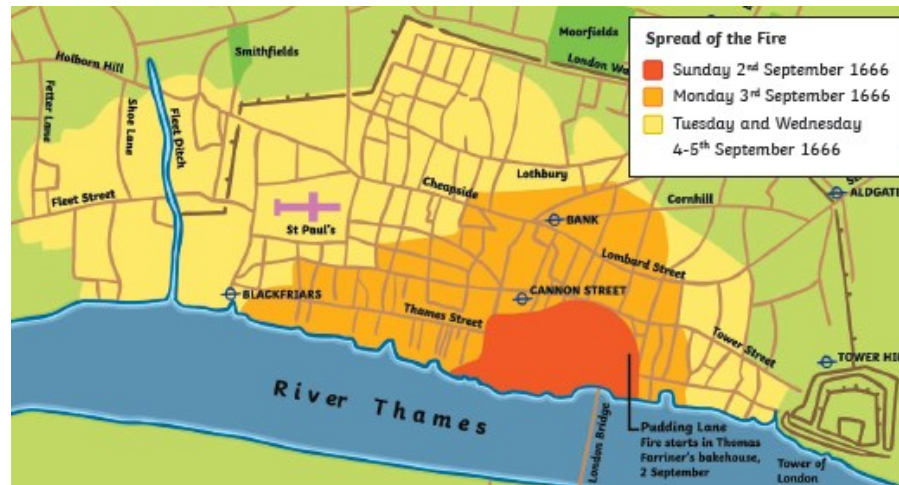
**KEY QUESTION: What caused the Great Fire of London and how do we know about it?**

## The United Kingdom



London is the Capital City of England.

The Great Fire of London destroyed most of the city in 1666.



## Great Fire of London Timeline

### Sunday 2nd September 1666

A fire starts in Thomas Farriner's bakery on Pudding Lane. As news of the spread, people run to escape its path. Samuel Pepys starts to write about the fire in his diary.

### Monday 3rd September 1666

The fire spreads quickly through the wooden houses that were close together. People carry their possessions to safety using a horse and cart or boats on the River Thames.

### Tuesday 4th September 1666

Houses are pulled down in an attempt to stop the fire spreading.  
St Paul's Cathedral is destroyed.

### Wednesday 5th September 1666

The fire starts to burn more slowly as the wind dies down.

### Thursday 6th September 1666




The fire is finally put out.  
Thousands are left homeless

## Great Fire of London

Water squirt	Eye-witness
Tudor house	source
Wattle	River Thames
Daub	Christopher Wren
Wooden beams	monument
Fire hook	timeline
axe	homeless
Tower of London	destroyed
flammable	possessions
embers	escape
fire	London
diary	bakery
firebreak	Thomas Farriner
St Paul's Cathedral	King Charles II
Leather bucket	Samuel Pepys



## Key People

	<b>Thomas Farriner</b>	It is believed that an ember from one of his ovens ignited some nearby firewood. The fire quickly spread through the bakery and to nearby buildings.
	<b>Samuel Pepys</b>	One of the ways we know about the fire is because Samuel Pepys wrote about it in his diary. He used a special shorthand code so no one could read his diary.
	<b>King Charles II</b>	Charles II was the king of England in 1666. After the fire he made a decree that houses must be built further apart and built from stone or bricks not timber.



leather water bucket



St Paul's Cathedral



Tower of London



axe



water squirt



fire hook



In 1666 most of the houses were wooden they were close together which enabled the fire to spread quickly through London.

*Here are some homework activities which can be completed at anytime.*

*Then bring in your work so it can be shared and celebrated.*

## Activities to complete at home

Samuel Pepys kept a diary of events during the Great Fire of London. Keep your own diary for a weekend and write down

Visit a bakery then have a go at baking something you could

Write a letter to Thomas Farriner telling him how to stop the fire from happening again.

Paint a scene of the Great Fire of London. What colours will you use?

Make a shop sign for the bakery on Pudding Lane.

