

Mexborough St John the Baptist C of E Primary School – History

Topic: The Great Fire of London

Year: 2

Strand: British History

What should I already know?

London is the capital city of England.
That towns looked different in the past
We can find out about the past through diaries, letters and paintings

Key Vocabulary

Bakery	A place that makes bread, cakes etc.
Diary	A personal record of someone's life.
Embers	Small pieces of glowing coal or wood in a dying fire.
Eye Witness	Somebody who saw the event happen.
Flammable	A material which can catch fire.
Leather Bucket	A bucket made from leather.
London	The capital city of England.
River Thames	A big river in London which was used for escaping.
St Paul's Cathedral	A Christian place of worship destroyed by the fire.
Thatched Roof	A roof made from straw and reeds.

Key Images

There were no cameras so artists painted the scene afterwards.



Samuel Pepys - Wrote a diary, which is how we know so much about the Great Fire of London.



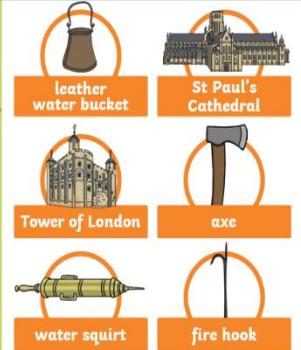
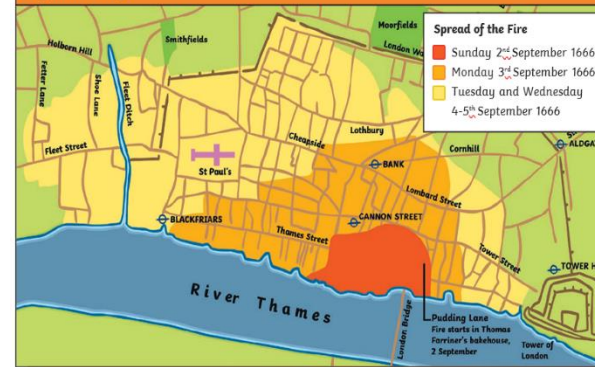
Leather buckets were filled with water and thrown over the fire.



The houses were built so close together, it helped the fire spread quickly.



Key Knowledge



Samuel Pepys

Thomas Farriner

King Charles II



Timeline of Events.

Sunday 2 nd September 1666	Monday 3 rd September 1666	Tuesday 4 th September 1666	Wednesday 5 th September 1666	Thursday 6 th September 1666	Saturday 27 th October 1666
A fire started in Thomas Farriner's bakery on Pudding Lane.	Fire-fighters tried to tackle the fire but it spread quickly. People tried to escape using the River Thames.	Houses were pulled down in an attempt to stop the fire spreading. St. Paul's Cathedral is destroyed.	The fire started to burn more slowly as the wind died down.	The fire was finally under control and put out. People were left homeless.	Robert Hubert was hanged after confessing to starting the fire - which turned out to be a lie. It was an accident.

Legacy

The fire changed the way people thought about designing new towns and cities.