

I wonder what impact The Great Fire had on London?

Key People



Thomas Farriner

An ember from his bakery oven ignited nearby firewood.



Samuel Pepys

One of the ways we know about the fire is because people wrote about it in their own personal diary.



King Charles II

King of England in 1666. After the fire, he made a decree that houses must be built further apart and built from stone not timber.

Key Questions: Can you answer them?

When and where did the fire start?
Why did the fire spread?
How did they fight the fire?
How did they stop the fire?
How many people died?
What happened after the fire?



Key Vocabulary

Bakery A place where bread or cakes are made and sold

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

Fire-hooks Giant hooks used to pull down houses

Fire-break When buildings are destroyed to make a gap so the fire can't spread

Flammable When something burns easily

Timeline

Sunday 2nd September 1666—The fire started

Monday 3rd September 1666—People try to tackle the fire

Tuesday 4th September 1666—Houses are pulled down in an attempt to stop the fire spreading

Wednesday 5th September 1666—The wind dies down

Thursday 6th September 1666—The fire is finally under control