

# Knowledge Organiser Year 2 history: What happened to London during the Fire of 1666?

Key Vocabulary	
bakery	A shop where bread is made.
flammable	Something that catches fire.
<b>ignite</b>	The process of catching fire.
London	The capital city of England.
Monument	A structure to help people remember.
Thames	The river running through London.
Building materials	Timber (wood) Stone Brick
Combustible	Something that can <b>ignite</b> easily
Infrastructure	Roads, bridges, port
Immigrant	A person who has moved to a different country.
Chronologise	To put things in the correct order (sequence)



## The Great Fire of London

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 1666**  
The fire gets very close to the Tower of London.

**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**.

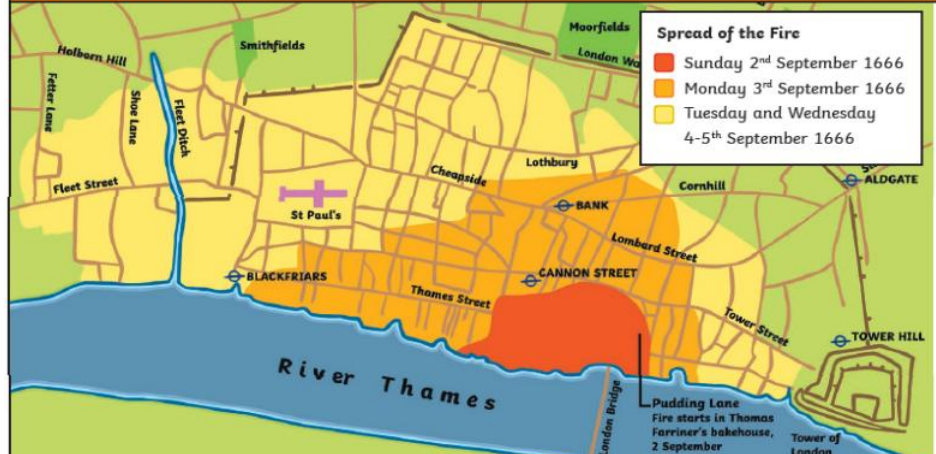
**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 1666**  
**St Paul's Cathedral** is destroyed by the fire.

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 1666**  
The wind dies down and the fire spreads more slowly.

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September 1666**  
The fire is finally put out.  
Thousands of people are left homeless.

**Timeline of Events**

## Key Knowledge



leather water bucket

St Paul's Cathedral

Tower of London

axe

water squirt

fire hook



### History-1666

- The fire started in Thomas Farriner's bakery on Pudding Lane in 1666 and lasted 5 days.
- It spread because houses were very dry, close packed and made of wood and straw (thatch), and there was a strong wind.
- The disaster made London a better and safer city: streets were widened and buildings were made stronger, more fireproof and out of brick instead of wood.
- The fire would be different if it happened today, we have firefighters who have protective equipment, fire engines and powerful hoses

### Key People

Samuel Pepys

He wrote a detailed diary about the Great Fire of London.

King Charles II

He was the King of England and Scotland at the time of the Great Fire of London. He made a speech to the people of London telling them how he would rebuild the city and how he would stop another disaster like the fire happening again.