



Key Vocabulary

Word	Meaning
Thomas Faryner	Owner of the bakery where the fire started.
Samuel Pepys	A famous man who wrote a diary about the fire.
Christopher Wren	The man who designed new buildings and a monument to the fire.
Pudding Lane	The street on which the bakery was, where the fire started
St Paul's Cathedral	A famous church which burnt down during the fire. It was rebuilt and still exists today.
Bakery	A shop where bread and cakes are made.
Eyewitness	A person who saw an event with their own eyes and can therefore describe it
Leather bucket	Leather is the material that buckets were made from before plastic was invented
Fire Breaks	When buildings are destroyed on purpose to make a gap (break) so the fire can't spread to the next building
Fire Hooks	Giant hooks used to pull houses down.
Possessions	Things that are owned by people.

What key facts and dates will we be learning?

The Fire of London started on 2nd September 1666 and lasted for 5 days.

The weather in London was hot and it hadn't rained for 10 months. Houses in London were mainly built from wood and straw which is flammable, especially when it is dry. The houses were also very close together, so the fire could easily spread.

Samuel Pepys



This is Samuel Pepys. He lived over **300 years ago**. He wrote a very important **diary** during the 1600s. In his diary he described two of the most important events in English history: **The Plague** in 1665 and **the Great Fire of London** in 1666.



Timeline

2nd September 1666 - 1:30 am:

A fire started in Thomas Faryner's bakery on Pudding Lane in the middle of the night. The fire probably came from the oven.

2nd September 1666 - 7 am:

Samuel Pepys woke up and found out that the fire had already burnt down 300 houses!

3rd September 1666 - The

firemen tried to put the fire out using leather buckets of water and then by pulling down houses with fire hooks. They hoped this would make a fire break but the fire kept on spreading.

4th September 1666 - St

Paul's Cathedral burnt down. 6th September 1666 - The Fire of London finally stopped but many people were left homeless.

Facts about St Paul's Cathedral

- On Tuesday 4th September 1666, at eight o'clock, flames broke out on the roof of St Paul's Cathedral.
- It was very badly damaged.
- Sir Christopher Wren designed the new St Paul's Cathedral.



Extending your learning:

1. Visit the Great Fire of London Monument or St Paul's Cathedral.
2. Go to the library and look at some books about the Great Fire of London.



Knowledge Organiser Revision Schedule

Here is the revision schedule for this half term's knowledge organiser. Please help your child to learn the specified section each week.

Week	Knowledge Organiser Section to Learn
Week 1 – 20.2.23	4 definitions: Thomas Faryner, Samuel Pepys, Christopher Wren and Pudding Lane
Week 2 – 27.2.23	4 definitions: St Paul's Cathedral, bakery, eyewitness and leather bucket
Week 3 – 6.3.23	3 definitions: Fire breaks, Fire hooks and Possessions
Week 4 – 13.3.23	Fill in the timeline with the correct events
Week 5 – 20.3.23	Facts about St Paul's Cathedral