



The Great Fire of London - Year 2

Key Vocabulary

artefacts	Objects we can use to learn about the past.	17th century	From the year 1601 to 1700. The Great Fire of London happened in the 17th century , in 1666.
bakery	A shop where bread is made and sold.	mayor	The person in charge of running a city or town.
cause	The reasons why something happened.	sources	Different types of information
chronology	The order in which events happen,	St Paul's Cathedral	A very large church in London. St Paul's Cathedral was rebuilt by Sir Christopher Wren after the fire.
consequence	What happened because of an event.	rebuilt	Building something again after it has been broken or destroyed.
diary	A book where people write about their lives.	River Thames	The river that runs through the middle of London.

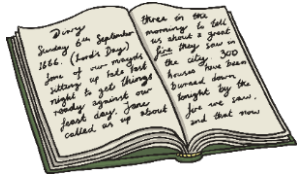


Samuel Pepys Christopher Wren King Charles II

Key Facts

When was the Great Fire of London?	The Great Fire of London started on Sunday 2nd September 1666 and ended on Thursday 6th September 1666.
Where did the fire start?	The fire started in a bakery on Pudding Lane.
Why did the fire spread so quickly?	In 1666, the buildings in London were very close together and many were made of wood and had straw roofs.
What happened after the fire?	After the fire, many buildings were rebuilt . King Charles II ordered that buildings were built further apart and made of stone to make sure the fire could not happen again so easily.

Timeline of Events

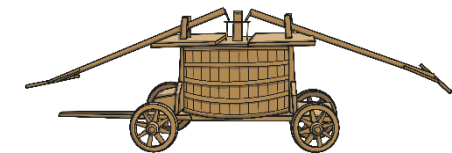


Monday 3rd September 1666

The fire gets very close to the Tower of London.

Tuesday 4th September 1666

St Paul's Cathedral is destroyed by the fire.



Sunday 2nd September 1666

The fire starts at around 1 a.m. Mid-morning: Samuel Pepys starts to write about the fire in his **diary**.



Wednesday 5th September 1666

The wind dies down and the fire spreads more slowly.

Thursday 6th September 1666

The fire is finally put out. Thousands of people are left homeless.