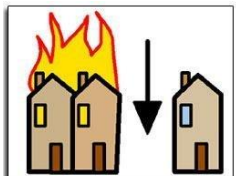




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Great Fire of London



Vocabulary	Definition	Picture
Bakery	a place that makes bread and cakes etc.	
Diary	A book that people write about their lives in.	
Eyewitness	A person who has seen something and can give a description of it.	
Firebreak	A gap that stops a fire spreading to nearby buildings.	
Fire hooks	A giant hook used to pull down houses.	
Flammable	When something burns easily	

Vocabulary	Definition	Picture
Leather bucket	Leather was used to make buckets before plastic was invented.	
London	The capital city of England and the United Kingdom	
Pudding Lane	The street where the fire started.	
St Paul's Cathedral	A large church in London which burnt down during the fire.	
Tower of London	Where King Charles II lived in 1666 – the fire was stopped before it reached here.	



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Key Knowledge Facts

The fire started on Sunday 2nd September 1666 in a bakery on Pudding Lane, London.

Houses were made from wood and straw, which is flammable. The houses were close together so the fire spread easily – helped by the strong winds and lack of rain.

There was no fire brigade so people use leather buckets and water to put the fire out.

13,200 houses were destroyed and 70,000 people were left homeless.

After the Great Fire of London, a fire brigade was established and water engines were designed to give a continuous stream of water.



Samuel Pepys lived in London during the Great Fire of London and wrote about it in his diary.



Thomas Farriner is the owner of the bakery on Pudding Lane where the fire started



King Charles II was the King of England in 1666. After the fire he said that houses must be built further apart and build from stone not wood.



Spread of the Fire

- Sunday 2nd September 1666
- Monday 3rd September 1666
- Tuesday and Wednesday 4-5th September 1666

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.

Timeline of Events

Sunday 2nd September 1666

The fire starts at 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.