

Topic: The Great Fire of London

Year 1

Strand: Events beyond living memory that are significant nationally or globally



The **Great Fire of London** started in the early hours of the morning of 2nd September 1666 and lasted for 5 days.

The fire started in in a baker's shop on **Pudding Lane**. By 5th September the fire had destroyed more than 13,000 houses and buildings in the city.



Houses were built so close together and were made from wood so the fire spread very quickly.



We know a lot about the fire as a result of reading the diary of eyewitness, Samuel Pepys.



There was also no official fire service at the time and so the general public helped put the fire out.

Key Vocabulary

Bakery	A place that makes bread, cakes, etc.
St Pauls Cathedral	A very large church in London. A new St Pauls Cathedral was built after the fire.
Diary	A book that people write about their lives in.
Firebreak	A gap that stops a fire spreading to nearby buildings.
London	The capital city of England.
Monuments	A structure, like a building or statue, to remember an event.
Samuel Pepys	Wrote a diary about the Great Fire of London.

Timeline

