





The Great Fire of London Knowledge Organiser Year Two

Key Events and Facts	
When and where did the fire start?	The fire started on Sunday 2nd September 1666 in Thomas Farriner's bakery on Pudding Lane.
Why did the fire start?	The fires used for baking were not put out properly.
Why did the fire spread so quickly?	In 1666, the buildings in London were made of wood and straw and they were very close together, making it easy for the flames to spread. Strong winds were blowing, which helped the flames to spread.
How did people try to put the fire out?	People used leather buckets and water squirts to try to put the fire out, but these did not work. Later in the week, King Charles II ordered buildings to be pulled down to stop the flames from spreading.
How was the fire put out?	By Thursday 6th September, the wind had died down. This meant that people were able to put out the flames.

Key Vocabulary

Bakery	 A place for making bread
Cathedral	 An important religious place of worship
diary	 A special book used to record personal events.
firehook	 A hook used to pull houses down in 1666

Key People



Samuel Pepys



Thomas Farriner



King Charles II

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 1am.

Wednesday 5th September 1666

The wind dies down and the fire spreads more slowly.

Thursday 6th September 1666

The fire is finally put out.

