

Year 2 Spring Term Knowledge Organiser - The Great Fire of London

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?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The buildings were made of wood and straw. • The houses were close together. • It was very windy. • It had been a dry summer so the buildings had no moisture.
How did people try to put the fire out?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They tried to use leather buckets and water squirts. • King Charles II ordered for buildings to be pulled down using fire hooks.
When was the fire put out?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The wind slowed on Wednesday 5th September 1666. • The fire was out on Thursday 6th September 1666.

Key Vocabulary

bakery	fire	London
cause	effect	change
century	past	diary
significant	spread	evidence

Key People



Samuel Pepys



Thomas Farriner



King Charles II

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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 1 a.m.

Mid-morning: Samuel Pepys starts to write about the fire in his *diary*.

Wednesday 5th September 1666

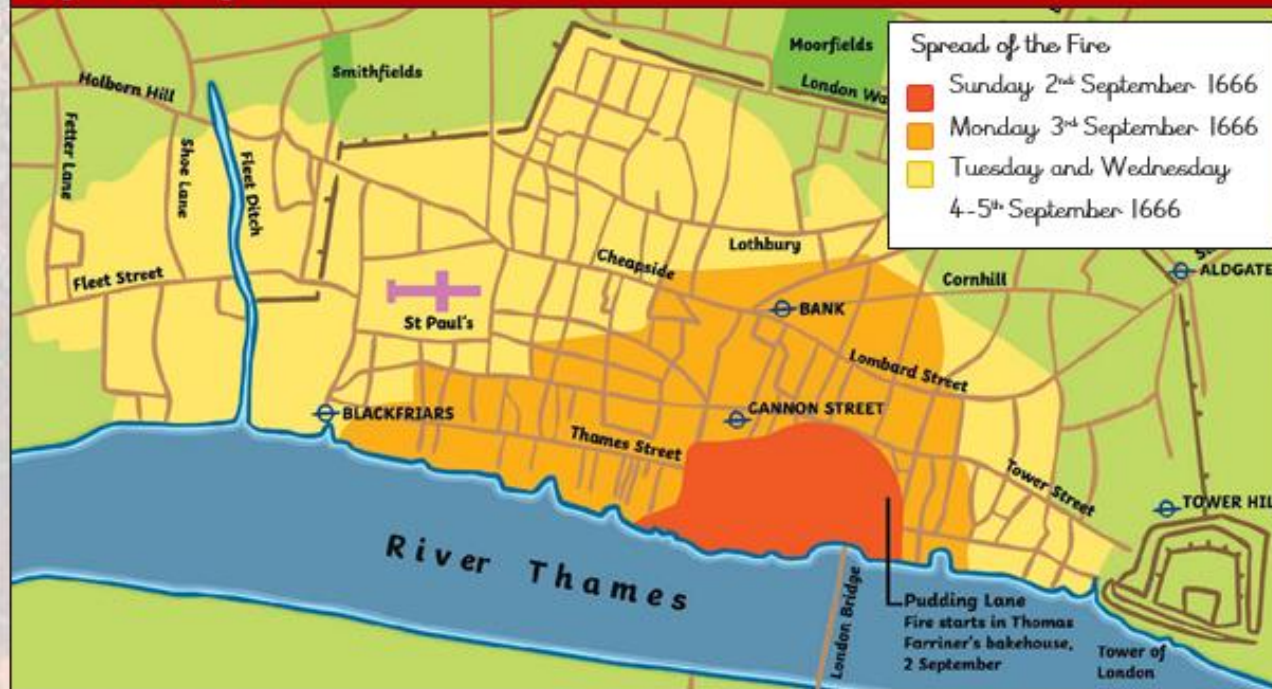
The wind dies down and the fire spreads more slowly.

Thursday 6th September 1666

The fire is finally put out.

Thousands of people are left homeless.

Key Knowledge



leather water bucket



St Paul's Cathedral



Tower of London



axe



water squirt



fire hook