

Topic

KCV Topic Grid
KS1 — Oak Class

The Great Fire of London



Vocabulary:

1666, 17th century, Pudding Lane, bakery, baker, Thomas Fariner, King Charles II, Samuel Pepys, diary, eye-witness, London, Thames River, St Paul's Cathedral, Tower of London, firefighting, leather buckets, cause of the fire.

Key Questions:

Where and when did the Great Fire start? Can you name five key events from the Great Fire of London? Who was Samuel Pepys and what did he do? Why did the fire spread so quickly and stay alight for so long? What methods were used to put it out?

Key Concepts:

- The Great Fire of London started on Sunday 2nd September 1666 in a bakery on Pudding Lane in the centre of London.
- The baker, Thomas Fariner left the oven in his bakery on overnight. The flames escaped from the oven and quickly spread down the street.
- The fire spread quickly because most houses were made from wood and built very close together in those days.
- The people tried to put out the fire by throwing water from the River Thames on it.
- People escaped the fire in boats down the river or took shelter in churches made from stone.
- The fire lasted 5 days and stopped when the winds died down.
- Samuel Pepys was an eyewitness to the GFL and wrote a diary telling us what happened over 350 years ago.

