

Year 2 - Autumn 1 The Great Fire of London

The Great Fire of London started on Sunday 2nd September 1666.
The fire started in a bakery on Pudding Lane.
<i>The fire spread because it had been hot, dry and windy; the wind spread the fire quicker.</i>
In 1666, the buildings in London were very close together and many were made of wood and had straw rooves. <i>This helped the fire to spread.</i>
The fire ended on Thursday 6th September 1666.
After the fire, many buildings were rebuilt. King Charles II ordered that buildings were built further apart and made of stone to make sure the fire could not happen again so easily.
In 1666 there was no fire brigade.
Samuel Pepys wrote about the fire in his diary; this is how we know so much about what happened.
<i>After the fire, thousands of people were homeless.</i>

Links with previous learning

Year R	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spring 'People Who Help Us' Then and Now: simple comparisons• Summer 'Castles' Kings and Queens: King Charles 3
Year 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• know where people and events fit within a chronological framework; using a timeline• learn about events which were significant nationally or globally: Monarchs and Transport

Links with future learning

Year 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fire Safety Then and Now; the birth of the Fire Brigade after The Great Fire of London.
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