

The Great Fire of London - Year 2 - Spring

Important Questions

- 1 How did the fire start and why was it so devastating?
- 2 How do we know about the chronology of the fire?
- 3 Why is it called 'The Great Fire'?
- 4 How was London rebuilt to make it a safer place?
- 5 How are cities safer today compared to then?



Key Knowledge

The fire started on Sunday 2nd September 1666.

It lasted for five days.

The houses in London were built very close together and many were made from wood and straw.

Samuel Pepys kept a diary of events

When London was rebuilt improvements were made to ensure that it was a safer place.



Vocabulary

1	era	A period of time
2	chronology	Arranging dates in order of their occurrence
3	artefacts	An object made by a human being that has historical interest
4	Eyewitness account	A person that observed the account says what happened
5	materials	The matter from which a thing is made
6	settlement	A place where people establish a community
7	society	People living together in a community

Timeline

1605

Guy Fawkes fails in his gunpowder plot to blow up Parliament

1666

Charles II is king

1666

Great Fire of London

1838

Grace Darling save 9 men at sea

1876

Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone

1911

Morpeth first school opens