The Great Fire of London

KS1

Key Vocabulary

thatched	Roof covered with straw 
fire hook	A strong iron hook used at fires in tearing away burning timbers 
Stuart	The Royal family ruling Britain during 1603 -1714 
plague	A highly infectious disease
chronology	The arrangement of events or dates in the order of occurrence
fire engine	A vehicle that carries things used to put out fires.
firefighter	People who put out fires as their job 
water pump	A pump used to suck up water and then squirt it at the fire 
rebuilt	Building something again after it has been broken or destroyed.
river Thames	The river that runs through the middle of London.
17th century	From the year 1601 to 1700. The Great Fire of London happened in the **17th century**, in 1666.

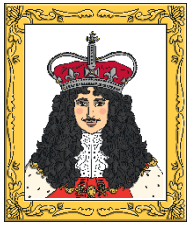
Key People



Samuel Pepys



Sir Christopher Wren



King Charles II

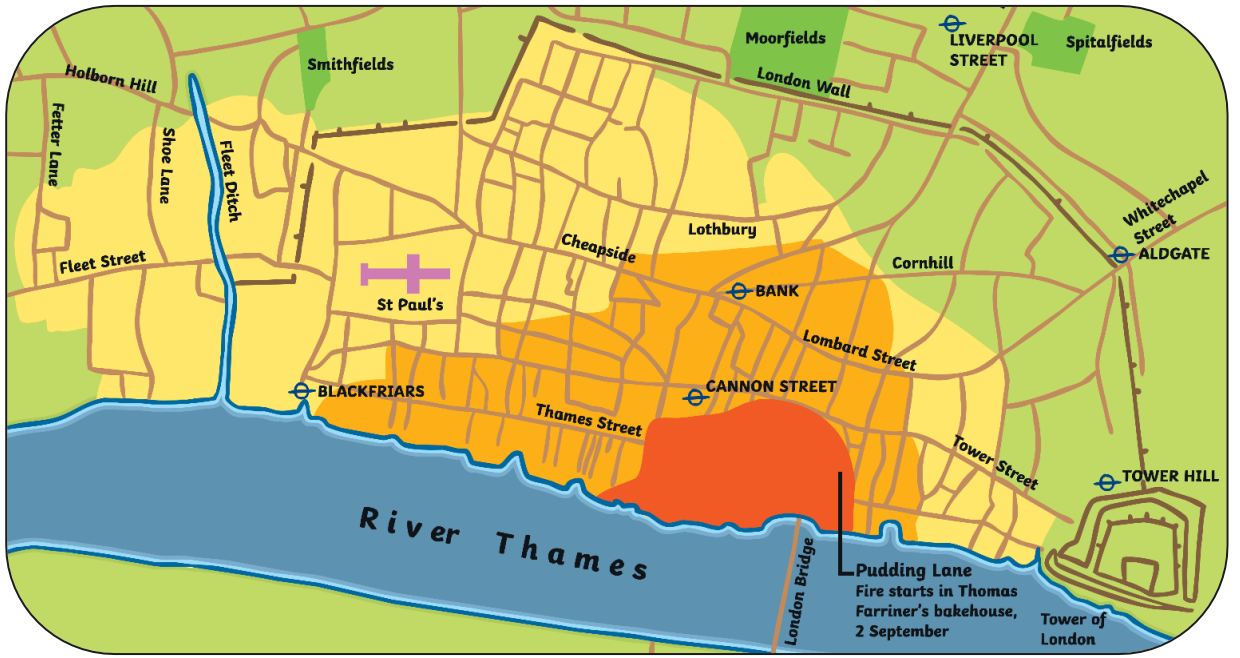
Key information

When was the Great Fire of London?	The Great Fire of London started on Sunday 2nd September 1666 and ended on Thursday 6th September 1666.
Where did the fire start?	The fire started in a **bakery** on Pudding Lane.
Why did the fire spread so quickly?	In 1666, the buildings in London were very close together and many were made of wood and had straw roofs.
What happened after the fire?	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.

Spread of the Fire

- Sunday 2nd September 1666
- Monday 3rd September 1666
- Tuesday and Wednesday
- 4-5th September 1666





Timeline of Events

autumn

Sunday 2nd September 1666
The fire starts at around 1 a.m.
Mid-morning: Samuel Pepys starts to write about the fire in his **diary**.

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.

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.