

Year 2 - History– The Great Fire of London

Key Vocabulary

London	Capital city of England
Primary source	First hand or eye witness information about an event
burn	To give off light, heat and generally there may be a fire
diary	An account of events that you write down of the day, expressing thoughts and feelings
Samuel Pepy	A man who lived during the great fire of London. He kept a diary which is now famous as it tells he events which took place
Thames	A river in England that runs through London
Years ago/ months ago/ weeks ago	Vocabulary to use and discuss with your child
Earlier/later	Vocabulary to use and discuss with your child

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1 When Did The Fire Start?

- The Great Fire of London started on Sunday 2nd September 1666.
- It burned for 4 days and nights.



2 How Far Did It Go?

- The fire went through the city of London.



3 Why Did The Houses Burn?

- Houses were made of wood and straw.
- They burned easily.



4 Why Did the Fire Spread?

- Houses were close together.
- The streets were narrow.



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5 A Hot Summer

- It had been a hot summer.
- London was very dry.



6 Where Did It Start?

- The fire started in a bakery in Pudding Lane.
- The bakery was owned by Thomas Farriner.



7 A Spark from the Oven

- The ovens were very hot.
- A spark set the bakery on fire.



8 Dry Wood

- There was dry wood in the bakery.





Home activities

- Keep your own diary
- Google and sing along to 'London's Burning'
- Discuss the difference between the emergency services today and the fire service back in 1666

Useful Websites

<http://www.fireoflondon.org.uk/game/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/37222884>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z7d7gwx/articles/zhgxcqt>