

Title: Fire fire!

Year Group: 2

Term: Autumn 2

Vocabulary you will know...

secondary sources	Information that has been created after an event.
firebreaks	An empty space to stop a fire.
wattle and daub	A material used for buildings made from mud and clay.
diary entry	A piece of writing describing what has happened.
past	Something that has already happened.
present	Something that is currently happening.
River Thames	A famous river that flows through London and out to the North Sea.
St Paul's Cathedral	A famous place of worship in London.
thatched roof	A roof made of straw.
city	A large town.



Key Learning

Tudor houses were made from wood, wattle and daub. Houses were flammable. This means they burnt easily. Tudor houses were close together. The fire started from 2nd September 1666 in Thomas Farriner's bakery. It lasted for 5 days. King Charles II ordered the houses to be pulled down to make a firebreak. The dry and windy summer which made the fire spread more quickly. Samuel Pepys wrote a diary about the events. Most houses and buildings were destroyed, including St Paul's Cathedral. The fire nearly reached The Tower of London. London was redesigned by Christopher Wren.

Key People

King Charles II Samuel Pepys King Charles II



Thomas Farriner



Key Events

- King Charles II became king in 1660
- Sunday: The fire started on Pudding Lane. News spread and people tried to escape. Samuel Pepys started his diary. Houses were pulled down.
- Monday: People left on boats, carts were banned, the fire spread very close to The Tower of London.
- Tuesday: St Paul's Cathedral was destroyed.
- Wednesday: The fire burned more slowly as the wind died down.
- Thursday: The fire was finally under control.

