

# Knowledge Organiser - Year 1 - The Great Fire of London

## What I should already know?

Events happened in the past a long time ago.

## Knowledge

The fire started on Sunday 2nd September 1666 in Thomas Farriner's bakery on Pudding Lane.

In 1666, the buildings in London were made of wood and straw and they were very close together, making it easy for the flames to spread. It had been a dry summer, so the buildings were dry. Strong winds were blowing, which helped the flames to spread.

Later in the week, King Charles II ordered buildings to be pulled down to stop the flames from spreading.

By Thursday 6th September, the wind had died down. This meant that people were able to put out the flames.

King Charles II ordered that buildings should be rebuilt from brick or stone and that streets should be made wider to stop another fire from spreading like the Great Fire of London did.



The fire spreading through London.

Samuel Pepys



King Charles II



Sir Christopher Wren



## What I will know by the end of this unit?

In 1666 a huge fire happened in London.

The Great Fire of London changed the way London was built so houses were safer.

The lives of significant people from long ago: King Charles II, Samuel Pepys and Sir Christopher Wren.

## Vocabulary

cathedral	A great church which has a bishop who runs many churches nearby.
rebuilt	When we repair something that has been lost or damaged.
diary	The thoughts, feelings and events someone has written about.
king	A man who rules a country.
city	A place where many people live close to each other.
architect	A person who plans and builds buildings for a job.