



LONDON'S BURNING! *The Great Fire of London 1666*

Key Vocabulary:

firefighter - someone who puts out fires.



flammable - something that burns easily.

eyewitness - a person who saw an event.

leather bucket - bucket filled with water to put out the fire.

King Charles II - the King at the time.



Links



In Reception and Year 1 we explored similarities and differences between now and the past.

In Reception we learnt about Bonfire Night and the Gunpowder Plot, another key event in London's history.

Key Knowledge

When? Sunday 2nd September - Thursday 6th September 1666.

Where? Pudding Lane.

Why? A bakery, owned by Thomas Farriner, caught on fire.

How did it spread so quickly? The houses were made of wood and built too close together. It was very dry.

Who put the fire out? There were no firefighters so the people of London put it out.

How do we know about this? We can use sources like diaries and newspapers.

Key knowledge: timeline of The Great Fire of London:

Early Sunday morning



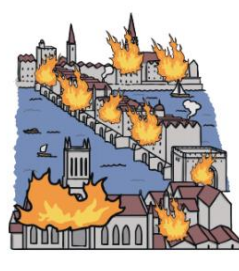
The fire starts at Thomas Farriner's bakery in Pudding Lane.

Mid Sunday morning



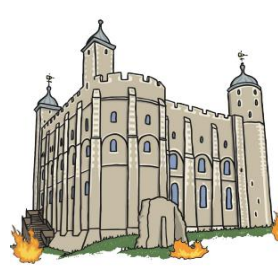
As news of the fire spreads, people run to escape from its path.

Early Monday morning



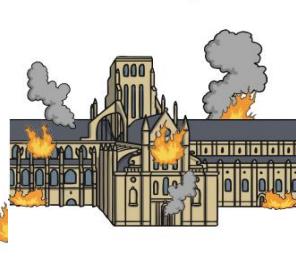
People carry their possessions to safety using boats on the River Thames.

Monday evening



The fire spreads very close to the Tower of London.

Tuesday



St Paul's Cathedral is destroyed by the fire.

Wednesday



The fire starts to burn more slowly as the wind dies down.

Thursday



The fire is finally under control and put out.