

History – Year 1 – The Great Fire of London

Topic Overview

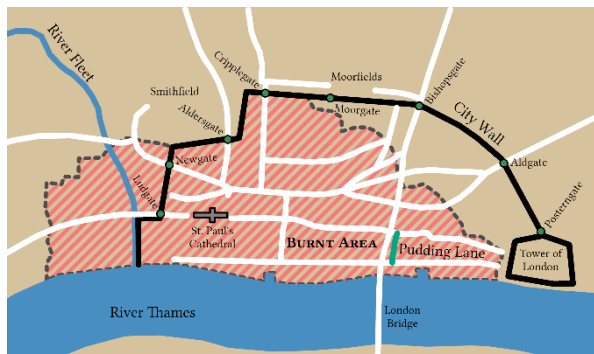
In this unit we will learn out about what life was like in Tudor England and about the Great Fire of London, when it started and why it spread so quickly. We know about the events of the Great Fire because of Samuel Pepys' diary. We will learn about the creation of fire brigades.



King Charles II



Samuel Pepys



Important Vocabulary

London-	The Capital City of England.
Bakery-	a place that makes cakes, bread etc.
Samuel Pepys-	a man who lived a long time ago and wrote a diary about what happened in The Great Fire of London.
Diary-	a book that people write about their lives in.
Leather Fire Bucket-	A special container that was used to carry water made out of leather.
Water Squirt-	A pump used to suck up water and squirt at the fire.
Fire Hook-	A long pole with a hook on the end used to pull down houses.
Monument-	a really tall tower in London built to remember the Great Fire of London

End Points

I know that The Great Fire of London started in 1666.

I know at least three reasons why the fire spread quickly.

I know that in 1666 people used leather buckets, fire hooks and water squirters to fight the fire.

I know that fire brigades were set up to stop this happening again.

I know that the Monument is a memorial to remind us what happened.

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.

Timeline of Events

Sunday 2nd September 1666

The fire starts at 1 a.m.
Mid-morning: Samuel Pepys starts to write about the fire in his **diary**.

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.

