



The Great Fire of London Facts

When did the fire start?	The fire of London started in a bakery in Pudding Lane on 2nd September 1666
Why did the fire spread?	It hadn't rained for months so the city was very dry. In 1666, lots of people had houses made from wood which burns easily. Houses were built too close together and there was no organized fire brigade
How did they fight the fire?	They used leather buckets and squirts filled with water, axes, fire hooks and gun powder to make fire breaks
How did the fire stop?	The fire burned for 4 days. As the wind died down and changed direction the fire became under control and was finally put out

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Important people

Thomas Farrier: an ember from one of Thomas' bakery ovens lighted some nearby firewood. The fire quickly spread around the room and to nearby buildings.

Samuel Pepys: One of the ways we know about the fire is because people wrote about it in their own personal diaries. Samuel Pepys was famous for his diary he write in the 17th century.



King Charles II: King of England in 1666. After the fire he made a decree that houses must be built further apart and built from stone not timber.



Key vocabulary:

Bakery – a place where bread and cakes are made and sold

Baker – a person whose job it is to bake bread and cakes

Eye-witness – a person who has seen something and can give you a description of it

Embers – small pieces of glowing coal or wood seen as a dying fire

Escape – get free from

River – a large flow of water along a channel

History Timeline

1605 The Gunpowder Plot	1666 The Great Fire of London	1805-1881 Mary Seacole	1820-1910 Florence Nightingale	1837-1901 Victorian era	1927-2008 William Claxton	1955-Present Tim Berners-Lee
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