

Key Vocabulary

bakery	A shop where bread is made and sold.
diary	A book that people write about their lives in.
St Paul's Cathedral	A very large church in London. St Paul's Cathedral was rebuilt by Sir Christopher Wren after the fire.
rebuilt	Building something again after it has been broken or destroyed.
River Thames	The river that runs through the middle of London.
17th century	From the year 1601 to 1700. The Great Fire of London happened in the 17th century , in 1666.



Key Questions

When was the Great Fire of London?	The Great Fire of London started on Sunday 2nd September 1666 and ended on Thursday 6th September 1666.
Where did the fire start?	The fire started in a bakery on Pudding Lane.
Why did the fire spread so quickly?	In 1666, the buildings in London were very close together and many were made of wood and had straw roofs.
What happened after the fire?	After the fire, many buildings were rebuilt . King Charles II ordered that buildings were built further apart and made of stone to make sure the fire could not happen again so easily.

Key People, Places and Objects



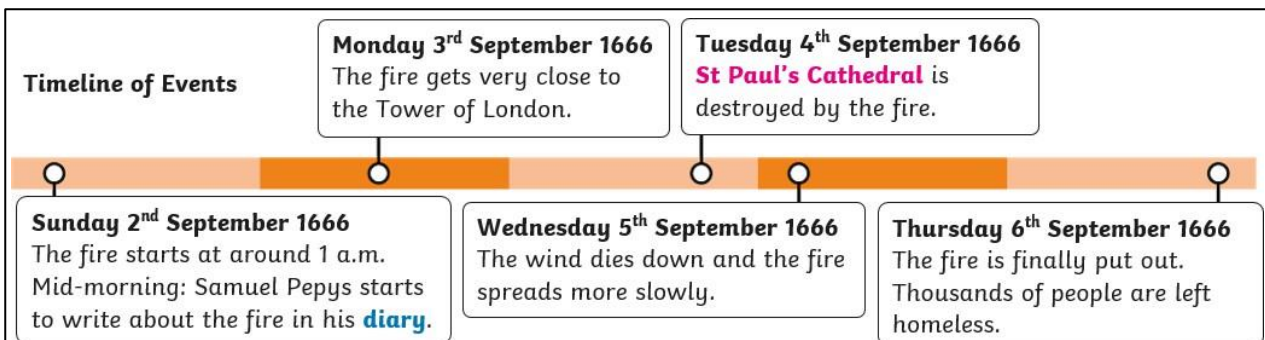
Spread of the Fire

■	Sunday 2 nd September 1666
■	Monday 3 rd September 1666
■	Tuesday and Wednesday 4-5 th September 1666

Facts for Life

1. The Great Fire of London started in 1666 in a bakery on Pudding Lane and burned down 13,000 homes.
2. When houses were rebuilt, they were made from bricks instead of wood.
3. Much of the city was redesigned by Sir Christopher Wren, who rebuilt St Paul's with a dome instead of a steeple. Wren also designed The Monument to The Great Fire of London, which was built close to Pudding Lane to commemorate The Fire and to celebrate the rebuilding of the city.

Timeline of Events



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.

Sunday 2nd September 1666
The fire starts at around 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.