



The Great Fire of London Year 2 History Knowledge Mat

Exciting Books



Subject Specific Vocabulary

Thomas Farriner	The kings baker who owned the Bakery where the fire started
Pudding Lane	The street where the bakery was and the fire started
Samuel Pepys	Kept a diary of what he saw during the fire of London
Diary	A book that people write about their lives
Eye witness	Somebody who saw what was happening first hand
King Charles II	The king of London at the time he ordered the army to pull houses down or blow them up to stop the fire spreading
Fire hooks	Metal pole with a hooked end that was used for pulling down houses
Leather bucket	Container of water they used to try to put the fire out
Fire break	An area of land that had plant's, trees and buildings removed to stop the fire from spreading
Water squirt	A hand held water pump
St Pauls Cathedral	One of the largest churches in the world that got burnt down in the fire
Monument	A structure of building that is made to remember a person or event
Timeline	The sequence of events that happened in time order

Important facts to know by the end of the Great Fire of London topic:

- The fire started on Sunday 2nd September 1666 and ended Thursday 6th September
- The fire started in a bakery on Pudding Lane and stopped at Pie Corner
- The fire destroyed 13200 homes, St Pauls cathedral 87 churches, and many more buildings
- Only 6 deaths were recorded

Sticky Knowledge about different The Great Fire of London

The Great Fire of London was in 1666, long before your Grandparents were even born
The fire began in a bakery owned by Thomas Farriner in Pudding Lane and lasted 4 days.
The fire was so big and lasted for so long because there had been a 10 month drought, houses were built from wood and very close together, there was a strong wind
To fight fires during this time, people would have used leather buckets, fire hooks and water squirts
We know what happened during the fire because people back then wrote about it in letters and newspapers and art - for instance, Samuel Pepys wrote about it in his diary.
A monument was designed by Christopher Wren to remember the Great Fire of London, he also designed the new St Pauls Cathedral
To stop the fire from spreading King Charles II ordered that houses were blown up and pulled down

Prior Learning

Reception:

Stories about Knights and castles, Kings/Queens and Kingdoms.

Year 1 :

Prince Charles became King in 2022. III means that he is the third King Charles. Lady Diana, who died, was married to Prince Charles. Monarchy means a ruler of a country.

