

History Knowledge Organiser Year 1
The Great Fire of London *What happened to London during the fire of 1666?*

Need to know

- **The fire started on Sunday 2nd September 1666 in Thomas Farriner's bakery on Pudding Lane.**
- **In 1666, the buildings in London were made of wood and straw and they were very close together, making it easy for the flames to spread.**
- **King Charles II ordered buildings to be pulled down to stop the flames from spreading.**
- **Samuel Pepys kept a diary which gives us information about what it was like during the Great Fire.**

Vocabulary

- recently - not long ago
- now - in the present
- later - in the future
- a long-time ago - in the distant past
- past - time that has gone by
- present - now
- future - the period of time that is to come
- timeline - sequence events in (chronological) order
- monarch - usually a king or queen

Good to know

- The fires used for baking were not put out properly.
- It had also been a dry summer, so the buildings were dry. Strong winds were blowing, which helped the flames to spread.
- People used leather buckets and water squirts to try to put the fire out, but these did not work.
- By Thursday 6th September, the wind had died down. This meant that people were able to put out the fire.
- Firefighting has changed a lot and is much more effective now. The first fire brigade was established after the Great Fire of London.
- Houses are often built with brick now so fires would not spread as quickly.
- Bakeries nowadays are often built with brick so fire would not spread as quickly.
- Over 13000 houses were destroyed and 6 people died.

- **Sequence** events and artefacts into chronological order.
- **Sort** artefacts into 'then' and 'now'.
- **Ask and answer questions** related to a range of different sources.
- **Use a range of sources** to find out about people and what they did in the past.
- Able to **represent** the past in different ways (photos, stories, ICT, drama, timelines, drawing) and distinguish between fact and fiction.