

Great Fire of London

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Bakery: a shop where bread and cakes are made

Oven: a place where food is cooked.
Today we use gas or electricity to heat ovens but in 1666 they burnt wood to heat the oven.

Leather bucket: Leather is a material and was what buckets were made from before plastic was invented.

Fire hooks: Giant hooks used to pull houses down.

Fire break: When buildings are destroyed to make a break so the fire can't spread to the next building.

Flammable: when something burns easily.

King Charles II: the King of England in 1666.

Samuel Pepys: a famous man who wrote a diary about the fire.

Eyewitness: a person who saw an event and can therefore describe it.

St Paul's Cathedral: A famous Christian church which burnt down during the fire. It was rebuilt and still exists today.

Tower of London: Where the King lived in 1666. It did not catch fire because the fire was stopped just before it reached the place.

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Important Places

London

Pudding Lane

St. Paul's Cathedral

River Thames

Tower of London

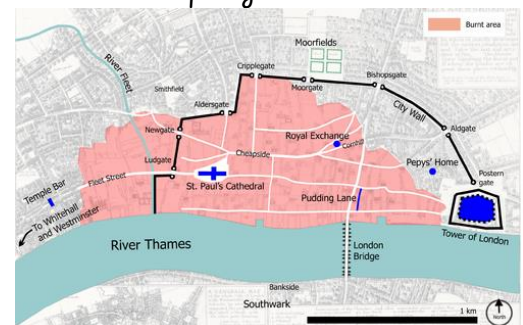
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Map of London



Tudor Houses



2nd September 1666

1:30am: a fire starts in Thomas Farriner's bakery on Pudding Lane. The fire probably came from the oven.

2nd September 1666

7am: Samuel Pepys wakes up and finds out that the fire had already burnt down 300 houses!

3rd September 1666

The firemen try to put the fire out by using leather buckets of water and then pulling down houses with fire hooks. They hope this will make a fire break but the fire keeps on spreading.

4th September 1666

St. Paul's Cathedral burns down.

6th September 1666

The Fire of London finally stops but many people are left homeless.