

In English we will be reading books about The Great Fire of London, London and Bonfire Night, as well as some fiction texts around dragons. Learning about the main events of the Great Fire of London will support our work in class.

Fire and Fantasy



Key Places and Vocabulary

Bakery- A place where bread and cakes are made and sold.

London- The capital city of England and the United Kingdom

River Thames- A river in London where many people got boats to fled the scene.

Diary- A personal record of life's events.

Eye-witness- A person who has seen something and can give a description of it.

Embers- Small pieces of glowing coal or wood in a dying fire.

Fire-hooks- Giant hooks used to pull down houses.

Fire-break- When buildings are destroyed to make a gap so the fire can't spread

Flammable- When something burns easily.

St Paul's Cathedral- A Christian building raised to the ground in the fire and rebuilt using designs by Sir Christopher Wren

You can listen to the text by clicking the links below.

The Great Fire of London:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ddOZh4pQAmI>

Our main English text is by the Author Helen Ward. Have you read any stories by Helen Ward?



Challenge

Discussion

Where did the fire start?

What do the different colours mean on the map?



Timeline

Sunday 2nd September 1666

A fire starts in Thomas Farriner's bakery on Pudding Lane. As news of the fire spreads, people run to escape its path.

Monday 3rd September 1666

Fire-fighters try to tackle the fire but it spreads quickly. People carry their possessions to safety using a horse and cart or boats on the River Thames.

Tuesday 4th September 1666

Houses are pulled down in an attempt to stop the fire spreading. St. Paul's Cathedral is destroyed.




Wednesday 5th September 1666

The fire starts to burn more slowly as the wind dies down.

Thursday 6th September 1666

The fire is finally under control and put out. People are left homeless.

Vertical driver-staying safe

| Key People | | |
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| Thomas Farriner |  | An ember from one of Thomas' bakery ovens ignited 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 diary. |
| King Charles II |  | Charles II was The 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. |



Where is London?
Have you ever been to London?
What landmarks have you seen?

Key questions:

1. When and where did the fire start?
2. Why did the fire spread?
3. How did the fire start?
4. How did the fire stop?
5. What happened after the fire?
6. What were the houses made from?

Materials

Places to visit:

~ London-Can you find pudding lane? Take a look at St Paul's cathedral and see how it has changed

~Take a virtual tour of London or St Paul's cathedral

<https://360.visitlondon.com>

<https://www.stpauls.co.uk/visits/visits/how-to-visit-st-pauls-cathedral-online>

Can you find things made from different materials around your house? What are they made from? What properties do they have?

In Science we will be looking at materials and their properties. As part of our DT and Science work we will be designing and making our own Tudor house and fire engine.

