

Knowledge Organiser for Year 2 – The Great Fire of London

Home learning project: Our second topic in Year 2 is all about the Great Fire of London. Before next term, we would love you to do some research on anything you find interesting in this knowledge organiser. You can be as creative as you like, creating a poster, video, 3D models or even a sculpture!

The Great Fire of London

In 1666, a huge fire that started in a tiny bakery burned down most of London. The fire was so big that it was called the **Great Fire of London**.

The fire lasted four days, and burned down over 13,000 homes. There are many reasons why the fire was so large, mostly to do with the way houses were built – a lot of them were made from wood, and were very close together.



Top facts:

The Great Fire of London happened between 2-5 September in 1666.

1. The fire began in a **bakery** in **Pudding Lane**.

2. Before the fire began, there had been a **drought** in London that lasted for 10 months, so the city was very dry.



3. In 1666, lots of people had **houses** made from **wood** and **straw** which burned easily. Houses were also built very close together.

4. We know what happened during the fire because people back then wrote about it in letters and newspapers – for instance, **Samuel Pepys** wrote about it in his **diary**.

5. **Artists** who were alive in 1666 painted pictures of the fire afterwards, so we know what it would have looked like if we'd been there too.

6. To fight fires during this time, people would have used leather buckets, metal hooks and water squirts.

7. People whose homes had burned down lived in tents in the fields around London while buildings were rebuilt.

8. When houses were rebuilt, a lot of them were made in **bricks** instead of wood, and they weren't built so close together.

Key words

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Key people

Sir Christopher Wren, Samuel Pepys, King Charles II, James (Duke of York), John Evelyn, Thomas Farriner

Good luck with your projects! We can't wait to see your beautiful creations. 😊