



Key Knowledge

The fire started on Sunday 2nd September 1666 in Thomas Farriner's bakery on Pudding Lane.

The fires used for baking were not put out properly which led to the fire to start.

The buildings in London in 1666 were mainly built out of wood and straw so the fire spread easily from one to another. There were also strong winds at the time.

Samuel Pepys wrote about the events of the fire in his diary.

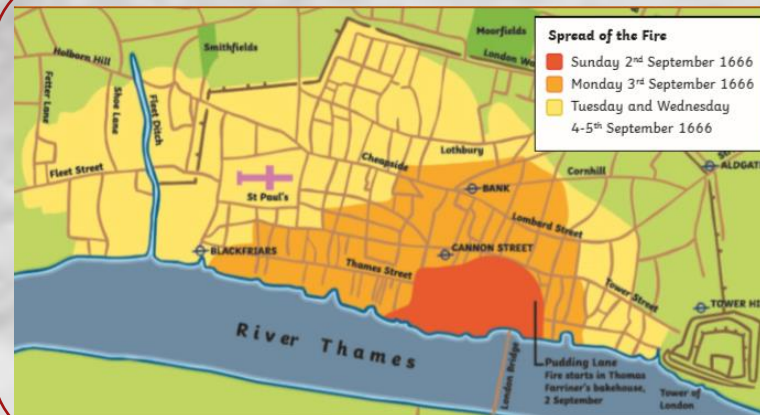
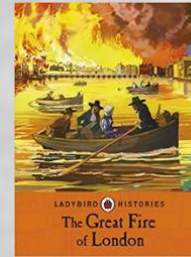
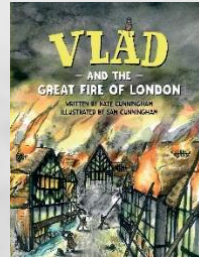
People used water buckets and fire squinters to try and put the fire out but this did not work. King Charles II then ordered for buildings to be pulled down to create a firebreak. Many people escaped by boat along the River Thames.

Fire! Fire! (Great Fire of London)

Term 3 – Lime class



Key Texts



Tier 3 Vocab

bakery	A place that makes bread, cakes, etc.
St Paul's Cathedral	A very large church in London. A new St Paul's Cathedral was built after the fire.
diary	A book that people write about their lives in.

Leather bucket: container used for carrying water

Squirt: handheld water pump

Fire posts: areas set up to organise people to fire fight from

Fire hook: metal pole with a hooked end that was used for pulling down buildings that were on fire

Gun powder: explosive powder used to blow up buildings

Thatched roof: dried straw tied tightly together and laid on the roof of a building

Wattle and daub: animal waste, straw and mud used to make walls of buildings

Timber frame: wooden frame of a building that made the walls

Cathedral: the main church of a diocese which has a bishop

Diocese: an area that a church serves

Government: group of people who rule a country

Timeline: the order in which events happened

Source: shows information about the past

Reliable: can be trusted

Douse: put out a fire / pour water on a fire to stop it burning

Embers: burning remains of a fire

Scarce: not enough for what is needed (e.g. water was scarce away from the river)

Extinguished: put out / cause (a fire or light) to stop burning or shining

Monday 3rd September 1666

The fire gets very close to the Tower of London.

Tuesday 4th September 1666

St Paul's Cathedral is destroyed by the fire.

Timeline of Events

Sunday 2nd September 1666

The fire starts at 1 a.m.

Mid-morning: Samuel Pepys starts to write about the fire in his **diary**.

Wednesday 5th September 1666

The wind dies down and the fire spreads more slowly.

Thursday 6th September 1666

The fire is finally put out.

Thousands of people are left homeless.

Key People



Samuel Pepys



Thomas Farriner



King Charles II