

History—Year 2—What was the Impact of the Great Fire of London?

Key Knowledge



The Fire of London was in **1666**. Charles II was King of England. Houses in London were mainly built from wood and straw. The houses were very close together. London was smaller than it is now.

The fire began in a bakery on Pudding Lane.

Fire fighting equipment was different to the equipment that we have now – Leather buckets, fire hooks, and gunpowder.

We know about the Great Fire of London because Samuel Pepys kept a diary of what he saw. He was an eyewitness.

Legacy – Re-building of London. Change in legislation on the building of houses. The rise of the London slums. London fire brigade established.




Key People



Thomas Farriner – Owned the bakery where the fire started.

Samuel Pepys – Wrote about the fire in his diary and reported the fire to the king.




Charles II – King of England

Thomas Bludworth – The Lord Mayor of London

Key Places



Pudding Lane
Where the fire started.



The River Thames
The river that runs through London where many people escaped to.

St Pauls Cathedral – Burned down during the fire but was then rebuilt.

Vocabulary



old	source	fire break
new	information	gunpowder
past	eye-witness	thatched roof
present	government	wattle and daub
sequence	bakery	diary
timeline	oven	slum
same	leather	
different	bucket	
famous	flammable	
reliable	fire hooks	

Themes— Legacy and Change. Monarchy. Diversity and Equality.

Timeline of Key Events

