



<b>Topic:</b>	<b>Great Fire of London</b>	<b>Year:</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Term:</b>	<b>Autumn</b>
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## Key Facts

### What was the Great Fire of London?

The Great Fire of London was an enormous fire that spread through London.

It lasted for four days and left thousands of people without a home.

### Why did the fire spread so quickly?

Houses in London at the time were built very close together. They were also made of wood and straw which is highly flammable.

The weather was also to blame. It had been a very dry summer with little rain and a strong wind helped the flames to spread.



<b>Samuel Pepys</b>	<b>King Charles II</b>	<b>Sir Christopher Wren</b>
Kept a diary of the Great Fire of London.	King of Great Britain and Ireland and king at the time of the Great Fire.	An architect who planned the rebuilding of St. Paul's Cathedral after the fire.

Word	Explanation
bakery	place where bread is made and sold
diary	recount of daily events
firebreak	a gap or space that stops fire from travelling through it
fire brigade	emergency service to help stop fires
flammable	is able to set on fire
London	capital city of England
monument	something that is built to re-member an important event or person
past	events that happened before now
pitch	thick substance that protects wood from water damage
present	events that are happening now
River Thames	river flowing through southern England including London



## Chronology of Events

### Monday 3rd September 1666

The fire gets close to the Tower of London.

### Tuesday 4th September 1666

St. Paul's Cathedral is destroyed by the fire.



### Sunday 2nd September 1666

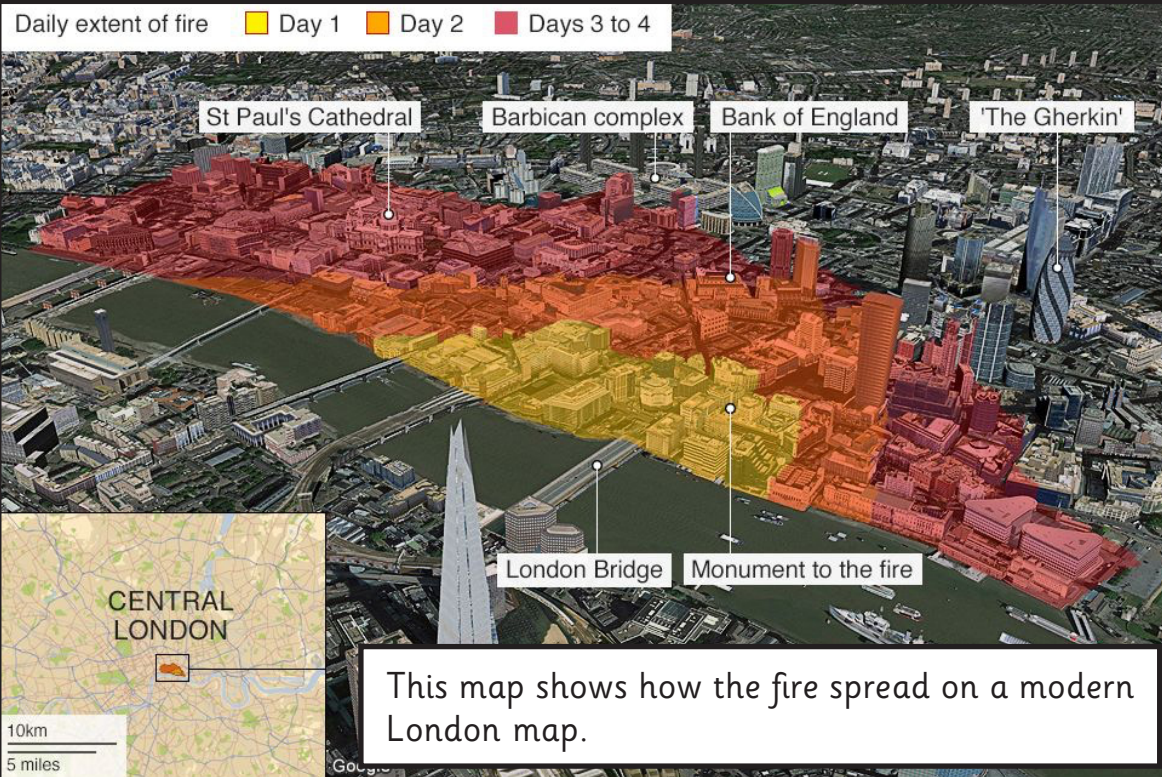
The fire starts on Pudding Lane at around 1 a.m. Samuel Pepys starts to write in his diary.

### Wednesday 5th September 1666

The wind dies down and the fire spreads more slowly.

### Thursday 6th September 1666

The fire is put out and thousands of people are left without homes to live in.



This map shows how the fire spread on a modern London map.

## How did the fire start?

The fire started on Sunday 2nd September 1666 at the bakery of Thomas Farriner on Pudding Lane, London.

## How did people try to put the fire out?

At the time, there were no 'real' fire services that could help.

People used leather buckets and water squirts to try and put it out, but these did not work.

King Charles II ordered that buildings be pulled down before the fire got to them. This created a 'firebreak'.

By Thursday 6th September, the wind had died down. This meant that people were able to put out the flames.