

Knowledge Organiser

Unit: The Great Fire of London 1666

Key Vocabulary

Bakery- a shop where bread and cakes are made.

Oven- a place where food is cooked.

Leather bucket- leather is a material and was what buckets were made from before plastic was invented.

Fire hooks- giant hooks used to pull houses down.

Fire break- when buildings are destroyed to make a break so the fire can't spread to the next building.

Flammable- when something burns easily.

Eyewitness- a person who saw an event and can therefore describe it.

St Paul's Cathedral- a famous Christian church which burnt down during the fire. It was rebuilt and still exists today.

Tower of London- where the King lived in 1666. It did not catch fire because the fire was stopped just before it reached the place.



The fire spread down Pudding Lane.



Samuel Pepys wrote an important diary.



Tools used to stop the fire spreading.

Key People

King Charles II- the King of England in 1666.

Samuel Pepys- a famous man who wrote a diary about the fire.

Key Questions

Why did the fire start?

Where did the fire start?

Why did the fire spread so quickly?

Why is Samuel Pepys diary an important historical source?