



# The Great Fire of London



Year Group: 2

Subject Focus: History

Term: Summer 1

## Key facts

- The Great Fire was caused by several factors (wind, summer weather, hygiene, width of streets, close proximity of buildings.)
- After the fire there were many changes made in the rebuilding of London to prevent another fire.
- The diaries of Samuel Pepys have played a major part in our understanding of the events of the Great Fire of London.
- As young historians we have to be aware of the problems with sources of information relating to any historical event.
- The Great Fire of London lasted just under 5 days and one-third of the city was destroyed. 100,000 people were made homeless.
- The monument in London is one way we commemorate the event to this day.
- The Great Fire helped to end the Plague in London by killing the rats and fleas which carried the disease.

## Key people/ places



**London** - the capital city of England.



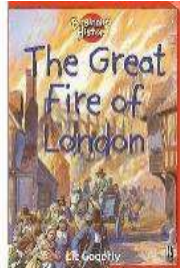
**Samuel Pepys** lived in London and saw the fire as it happened. He wrote about it in his diary.

## Parents as partners:

- Talk about why fire is dangerous and what you do at home to keep safe from fire?
- What are houses made out of today? Can you draw or make a model of your house and label the materials that it is made out of, or write a list?
- What is your favourite landmark in London? We will be looking at these in our Art lessons.
- Look at pictures of different kings and queens of England.
- Draw a picture of some of the houses on your street – what are the similarities and differences?

## Exciting books/ web links:

<http://www.fireoflondon.org.uk/game>  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/37222884>  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z7d7gwx/article/s/zhgxcat>  
<http://www.fireoflondon.org.uk/>  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=weEveQ4nz4g](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=weEveQ4nz4g)



## Key words:

overcrowded	a space which is filled beyond what is comfortable, safe or desirable
plague	a disease that affected humans after being bitten by a rodent flea carrying the disease
century	period of 100 years
chronology	the order of events in time
diary	a book in which people keep a daily record of events and experiences
disaster	a sudden accident or event that causes great damage
eye witness	a person who has seen something happen and can give a first-hand description of it
fire hook	a tool used by firefighters to pull down buildings to stop fire spreading
sources	something from which we can find out information about an event
hazard	a danger or risk.

## Timeline

