



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.
- 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.
- As young historians we have to be aware of the problems with sources of information relating to any historical event.

Key people/ places



London - the capital city of England.



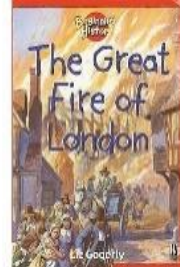
Samuel Pepys lived in London and saw the fire as it happened. He wrote about it in his diary.

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/articles/zhgxcqt>
<http://www.fireoflondon.org.uk/>
www.youtube.com/watch?v=weEveQ4nz4g



Key words:

century	period of 100 years
chronology	the order of events in time
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
monarchy	a system where a country is ruled by a king or queen
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
settlement	a place where people live and sometimes work
sources	something from which we can find out information about an event

Timeline



47AD
Romans
founded
Londinium

1666
Great
Fire of
London



2020
Modern day
London – affected by
Covid

1605
Gunpowder
Plot

1716
(Approximately)
rebuilding of
London completed