

Our Learning Keys

The Great Fire of London

History

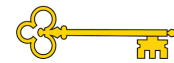
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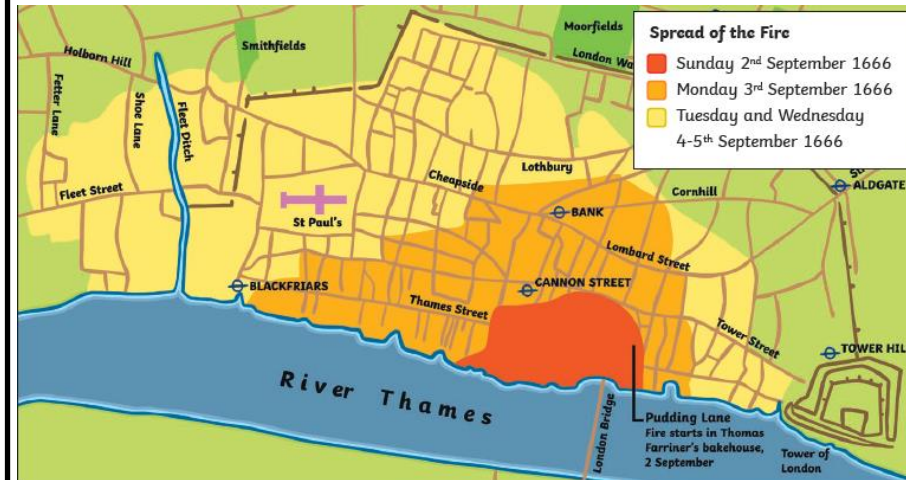


Questions

- What was the Great Fire of London?
- Why do people call it great?
- When did it happen and how did it start?
- How has London changed since the Great Fire of London?
- How did the Great Fire change London?
- What was left behind after the fire? How do we know how it happened?



Images



Links

- Science: Properties of materials
- Literacy: Great fire of London fact file
- DT: Making structures



Vocabulary

thatched	a roofing style made from straw
fire gap	a space that is created to prevent a fire from spreading
bakery	a place where bread is baked
historian	a person whose job is to learn about the past
century	a period of 100 years
source	something from which we can learn about the past
Black Death / Bubonic Plague	a disease which spread from rats to humans. It was very deadly and killed millions of people



Facts

- The Great Fire of London started in 1666. It was started at a bakery in Pudding Lane. The bakery was owned by Thomas Farriner.
- At the time, houses were made of wood and their roofs were thatched. Because of this, the fire spread quickly. Historians also believe that there were strong winds, which helped the flames to spread.
- People pulled down houses with hooks to stop the fire spreading - these were called fire breaks.
- There was no fire brigade - people had to use buckets of water from the Thames River to try to put the fire out.
- Despite the huge amount of damage, only 4 people were supposed to have died, including the maid who worked in the bakery.
- We know lots about the fire because of diaries that Samuel Pepys wrote.
- London has grown hugely since the Great Fire. In 1666, it was 350,000 (three hundred and fifty thousand). It is now over 9,000,000 (nine million)!

Previously...

In Year 1, we learned that London is the capital city of England and the United Kingdom. We learned that places change over time.

Now

Next...

In Year 3, we will be learning about

Doors this will open...

Historian

Tourism

Sailor

Environmentalist

