



The Great Fire of London



In this pack we will develop our knowledge and understanding of the past by:

Recognising the distinction between past and present (e.g. London's 1666 houses and people and their modern equivalent).

Placing a few events and objects in order by using common phrases to show the passing of time (old, new /young, days and months).

Identifying some of the similarities and differences between ways of life in different periods.

Know where some people and events fit into a chronological framework by using common words and phrases about the passing of time (before, after, a long time ago, past..)

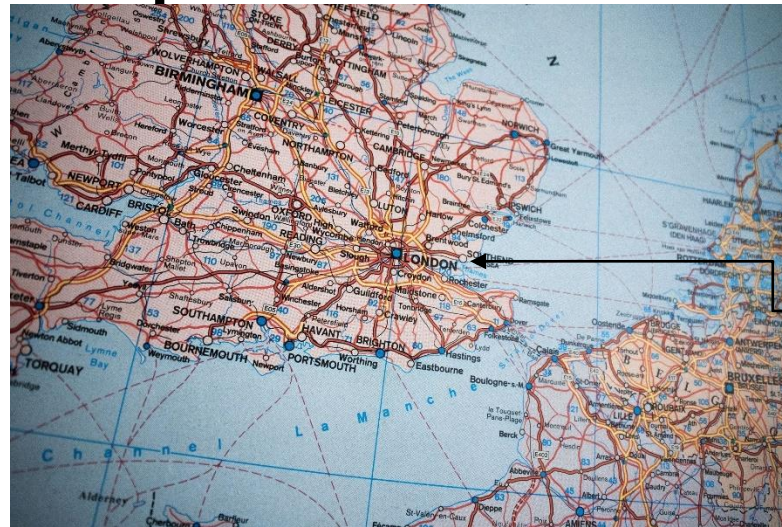


What was the Great Fire of London and when did it happen?

Lets find out.....

Where is London?

- London is a very big city in the south of England and is also the capital of the United Kingdom.



London

What is Fire?

- A fire is when something burns.



About 350,000 people lived in London just before the fire and it was one of the biggest cities in Europe.

A very long time ago people didn't have electricity and had to use fires for cooking and to keep warm.



Buildings in 1666 were made of wood and were very close together. They could set on fire easily.



In 1666, a fire started in London, at a bakery, in a street called Pudding Lane.

This is what Pudding Lane would have looked like in 1666.



**Does it look like your house?
What is different about the
houses in Pudding Lane to where
you live ?**

In Pudding Lane there was a bakery.



**What do you think they make and
sell in a bakery?**

The bakery belonged to the Kings baker and he was called Thomas Farynor.

On the 2nd of September a fire started at the bakery.

The Fire spread so quickly



The wind was strong and the flames got bigger, they spread down Pudding Lane towards the River Thames



There were no fire engines and people had to use buckets of water from the river to try to put the fire out.



After a few hours London Bridge was on fire too but because part of the bridge was missing, the fire couldn't carry on.

It lasted for 3 days and some houses were also blown up to make a gap to stop the fire spreading.



This map shows how big the fire was and the damage it caused.



The red shows where the fire spread each day.

This is Samuel Pepys he was alive in 1666 and wrote a diary all about the fire.



What is a diary?

- A diary is a special book you write in about things you do on different days.





- Samuel was born on the 23rd of February 1633.
- He was 33 when the fire started and he wrote all about it.



- In his diary Samuel Pepys wrote that London was almost destroyed by a huge fire, he could see the flames spreading and said how he hoped his things didn't catch fire.
- Thanks to his diary people have been able to learn all about the fire and what happened all those years ago.

living in London during the fire.

Lots of people tried to escape.

More than 70,000 people lost their homes.
Lots of special buildings were destroyed.



Hope you have enjoyed learning about the *Great Fire of London*.

Now try some of the activities and see what you can remember.