

Fire! Fire!



Autumn 2 Trevose Class

This half term our topic is all about The Great Fire of London!

We will be learning about how the fire started and spread through the city and what happened in 1666. We will be imagining what it would be like to have lived in London in 1666 and we will be looking at some of the buildings that we learnt about last half term and comparing them to the buildings that were in London in 1666.



Key word	Definition
Bakery	A place that makes bread, cakes, etc.
St Paul's	A very large church in London, A new
Cathedral	St Paul's Cathedral was built after the
	fire.
Diary	A book that people write about their
	lives in.
Firebreak	A gap that stops a fire spreading to
	nearby buildings.
Samuel	A famous man who wrote a diary about
Pepys	the fire.

Key facts!

- The fire started on Sunday 2nd September 1666 in Thomas Farriner's bakery on Pudding Lane.
- The fires used for baking were not put out properly.
- In 1666, the buildings in London were made of wood and straw and they were very close together, making it easy for the flames to spread. It had also been a dry summer, so the buildings were dry. Strong winds were blowing, which helped the flames to spread.
- People used leather buckets and water squirts to try to put the fire out, but these did not work.
 Later in the week, King Charles II ordered buildings to be pulled down to stop the flames from spreading.
- By Thursday 6th September, the wind had died down. This meant that people were able to put out the flames.



Timeline of Events!

Monday 3rd September 1666

The fire gets very close to the Tower of London.

Tuesday 4th September 1666

St Paul's Cathedral is destroyed by the fire.

Timeline of Events

The spread of the fire!



Sunday 2nd September 1666

The fire starts at 1 a.m.

Mid-morning: Samuel Pepys starts to write about the fire in his diary.

Wednesday 5th September 1666

The wind dies down and the fire spreads more slowly.

Thursday 6th September 1666The fire is finally put out.
Thousands of people are left homeless.