Year 1: History The Great Fire of London Knowledge Organiser

Subject Specific Vocabulary

bakery	A shop that makes and sells bread and cakes.	
diary	A book that people write about their lives in.	
St Pauls' Cathedral	A very large church in London which burnt down during the fire. A new St. Paul's Cathedral was built after the fire.	
Pudding Lane	The street where the fire started.	
Tower of London	Where King Charles II lived in 1666. The fire was stopped just before it reached the palace.	
Fire hook	A giant hook used to pull down houses.	
Leather bucket	Leather was used to make buckets before plastic was invented.	

Key People



Samuel Pepys lived in London during the Great Fire of London and wrote about it in his diary.



Thomas Farriner was the owner of the bakery on Pudding Lane where the fire started.



King Charles II was the King of England in 1666. After the fire he said that houses must be built further apart and build from stone not wood.

Key Knowledge

When was the Great Fire of London?	The Great Fire of London started on Sunday 2nd September 1666 and ended on Thursday 6th September 1666.
Where did the fire start?	The fire started in a bakery on Pudding Lane.
Why did the fire spread so quickly?	In 1666, the buildings in London were very close together and many were made of wood and had straw roofs.
What happened after the fire?	After the fire many buildings were rebuilt. Kings Charles II ordered that buildings were built further apart and made of stone to make sure the fire could not happened again so easily.

Time line of events

Sunday 2nd September 1666
The fire starts at around 1 a.m. Mid-morning: Samuel Pepys starts to write about the fire in his diary.

Monday 3rd September 1666
The fire gets very close to the Tower of London.

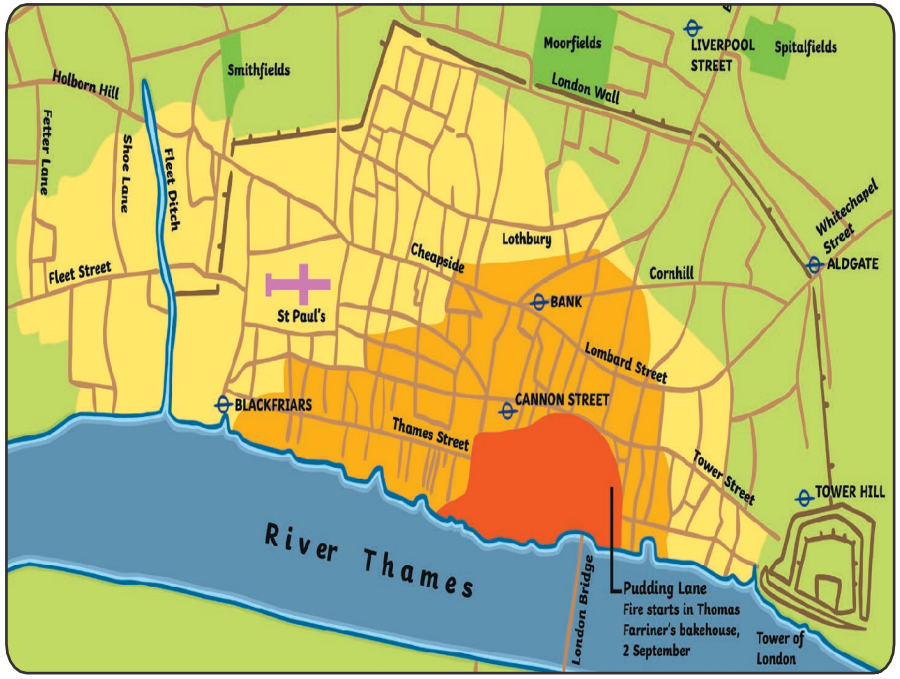
Tuesday 4th September 1666
St Paul's Cathedral is destroyed by the fire.

Wednesday 5th September 1666
The wind dies down and the fire spreads more slowly.

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

Spread of the Fire

- Sunday 2nd September 1666
- Monday 3rd September 1666
- Tuesday and Wednesday 4 - 5th September 1666



The Monument







The Monument was built between 1671 and 1677 to commemorate the Great Fire of London and to celebrate the rebuilding of the City.

Sir Christopher Wren and Dr Robert Hooke designed the monument.

The Monument stands 202 feet (61 metres) in height.

There are 311 spiral steps to climb to reach the viewing platform.

The top of the Monument was designed to look like golden flames.