

Scott Primary School—History Knowledge Organiser



Topic: Great Fire of London



Year 2—Autumn 1

Key Vocabulary

Bakery	A place that bakes and sells bread and cakes.
Fire hook	Long poles with a metal hook on the end used to pull houses down.
Fire squirt	A giant metal water pistol shaped object to spray water on the fire.
Fire break	A gap create to stop the fire spreading by blowing up building or pulling them down.
Diary	A book where you write down things that have happened and how you feel about them
Eye Witness	A person who has seen something and can give a description of it

Important Facts

- ☐ The Great Fire of London happened in 1666
- ☐ The fire started in a bakery
- ☐ The fire spread because the buildings were made of wood and straw. They were also close together.
- ☐ Samuel Pepys wrote about the fire in his diary.
- ☐ King Charles II helped to put the fire out.
- ☐ The fire burned for four days.
- ☐ After the fire, houses were built of stone and not wood.



Timeline of Events

2nd September
1666
The fire starts at around 1am.

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

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

5th September
1666
The wind dies down and the fire stops spreading as quickly

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

Previous Knowledge

- Toys from the past - Victorian Toys
- Transport through time—trains, horse and cart, boat
- Significant individuals