



In 1666, the buildings in London were made of wood and straw and they were very close together.

**Thomas Farriner**



A fire started on Sunday 2nd September 1666 in Thomas Farriner's bakery on Pudding Lane. The fire started because the

The fire spread quickly due to the high winds, the wood and how close the buildings were. People used leather buckets and water squirts to try to put the fire out,



**King Charles II**



Later in the week, King Charles II ordered buildings to be pulled down to stop the flames from spreading.

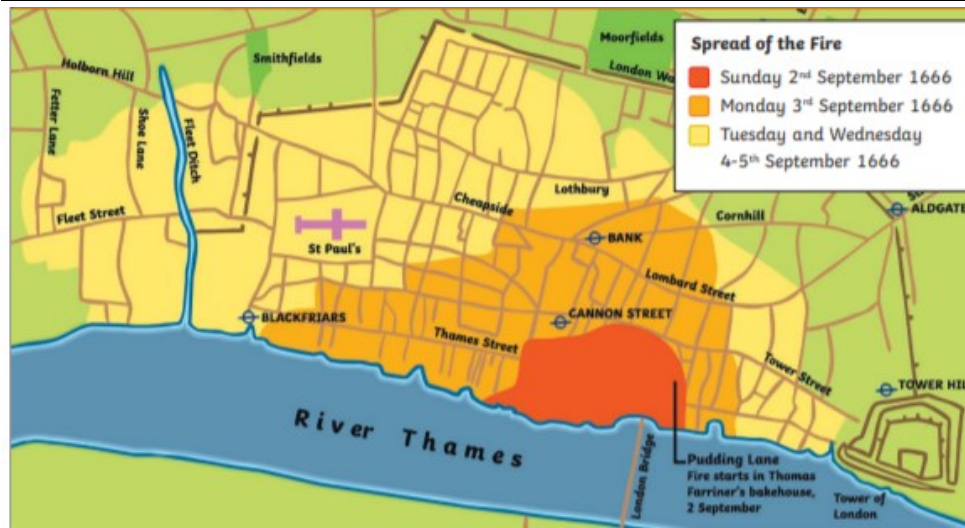
Samuel Pepys kept a diary that gives a first-hand account of everyday life in the 1660's. It helps us understand everyday life in London and what hap-

**Samuel Pepys**



# The Great Fire of London

## What happened to London during the Great Fire of London?



By Thursday 6th September, the wind had died down. This meant that people

Vocabulary	
<b>St Paul's Cathedral</b>	A very large church in London. A new St Paul's Cathedral was built after the fire.
<b>firebreak</b>	A gap that stops a fire spreading to nearby buildings.
<b>fire posts</b>	Areas set up to organise people to fire fight from.
<b>thatched roof</b>	Dried straw tied tightly together and laid on the roof of a building.
<b>wattle and daub</b>	Animal waste, straw and mud used to make walls of buildings.
<b>timber frame</b>	Wooden frame of a building that made the walls.
<b>douse</b>	Put out a fire/ pour water on a fire to stop it burning.
<b>eye-witness</b>	A person who has seen something happen and can give a first-hand description of it.
<b>primary source</b>	An original source that provides a first-hand account. They are considered very reliable.

A quarter of London was destroyed in the fire. Many saw the gigantic task of rebuilding the City as an opportunity. Christopher Wren submitted designs to get rid of the cramped, winding streets of old London.

A monument to The Great Fire of London stands in London today.



**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**

**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 1666**

The fire is finally put out.  
Thousands of people are left homeless.