

History Topic: An important event which brought about change

The Great Fire of London

Year 2

BEFORE: There had been a drought in **London**; the city was very dry.

Houses were made from wood and straw which burned easily. The houses were close together. The streets were very dirty.

WHAT HAPPENED? The **Great Fire of London** began in a bakery in Pudding Lane. It lasted four days. Samuel Pepys, a member of parliament, wrote about it in his diary.

AFTER: London was re-built using bricks and stones. The first fire brigades were formed. We sing the nursery rhyme 'London's burning'.

'I am a historian' Concepts

Enquiry Ask relevant questions– Why did London burn? How do we know? Where can we find different evidence?

Interpretation 'London burnt down' Use evidence– paintings, The Monument in London, Samuel Pepys' diary to find out where, when, how, why.

Chronology and Communication Use historical vocabulary: past, present, older, newer, before and after the fire, change, 350 years ago, in 1666, parliament

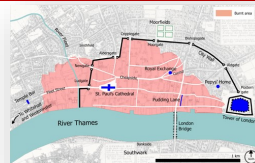
Knowledge/understanding Describe the events **1-6** as part of the nation's history.

Vocabulary

Spelling	Definition/Sentence
London	The capital city of England and
member of	Law maker
spread	The fire got larger and moved
destroyed	The fire damaged buildings so
demolish	Deliberately pulling down a building (to stop the spread of
mayor	A person given the job of being

Chronology (Timeline of key Events)

Sunday 2nd September 1666	1. LONDON FIRE at a bakery! Starts in Pudding Lane around midnight.
Sunday morning	2. Hot, dry and windy 300 houses destroyed
Sunday night	3. The King ordered the mayor to pull down houses
Monday	4. Many people tried to escape
Tuesday	Most destructive day
Wednesday	5. Wind dropped Some of the fire put out
Thursday	6. Fire finally put out 87 churches had burned down 13,000 houses had burned down



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