

The Great Fire of London



The Great Fire of London swept through the central parts of London from Sunday 2 September to Thursday 6 September 1666. It destroyed 13,200 houses, 87 parish churches and St Paul's Cathedral.

How did the fire start?	The fire started at 1am in Thomas Farriner's bakery,				
riow did the fire start?	on Pudding Lane. It was probably a spark from the over that caused the fire.				
Why did the fire spread so quickly?	It had been a long and dry summer. Houses at the time were mostly made of wood and were built very close together. The fire also spread because there was a strong wind.				
Did many people die?	Only 6 people are recorded as having died in The Great Fire of London. However, there were probably more deaths because at the time the deaths of poor people were not recorded.				
Who put the fire out?	There was no fire brigade at the time, so people had to try and put out the fire themselves. They did this using leather buckets, water squirts, and fire hooks to pull buildings down.				
What happened afterwards?	In October 1666, King Charles appointed architects including Sir Christopher Wren, to start rebuilding London. Some streets were widened or straightened. All houses had to be constructed of brick and houses were built with fire-breaks between them.				
How do we know about the fire?	Samuel Pepys wrote about it in his diary. Also, artists painted pictures of the fire burning.				

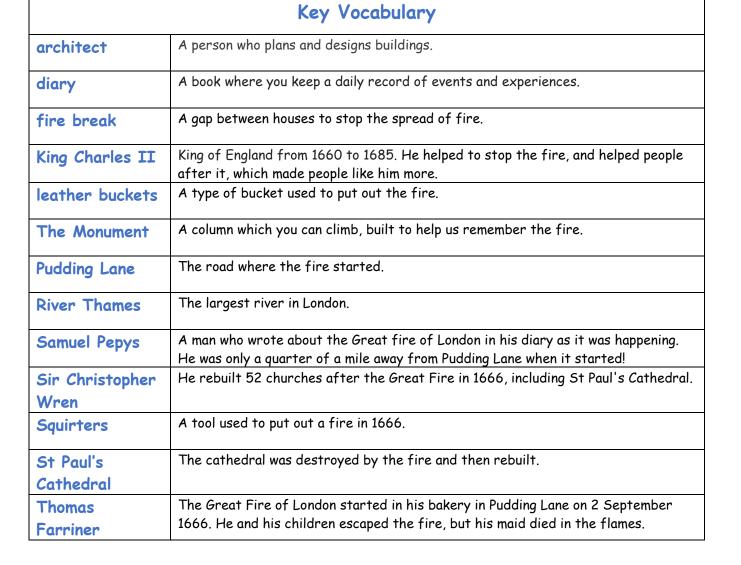
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1633-1703)	(1615-1670)			
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King Charles II (1630-1685)









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