

#### YEAR 2- How did the Great Fire of London start?

# WHEN? 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1666- 6<sup>th</sup> September 1666



2nd September 1666 The Great Fire of London started.

3rd September 1666 People began fleeing London.

4th September
1666
The fire continued to spread

5th September 1666 The wind began to slow down.

1666
The fire was declared extinguished.

#### WHO?



Samuel Pepys



King Charles II



Thomas Farriner

Sir Thomas Bloodworth

#### WHERE?

London is the capital city of England.



### **VOCABULARY**

Artefact	An object which helps us find out about the past.
Bakery	A place where bread and/or cakes are made and sold.
Diary	A personal record of life's events.
Embers	Small pieces of glowing coal or wood in a dying fire.
Eye witness	A person who has seen something and can give a description.
Fire Hook	A long pole with a hook at the end.
Flammable	When something burns easily.
London	The capital city of England.
Timeline	The order in which events happened.

## WHAT?



The Great Fire started in a bakery on Pudding Lane, owned by Thomas Farriner.



There was no organised fire service or fire brigade in 1666. People tried to put out the fire themselves.



The King, Charles II then told Samuel Pepys to command the Mayor to pull down more houses to create firebreaks.



On Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 1666, St Pauls Cathedral caught fire.



The King gave the order to use gunpowder to blow up houses in the path of the fire so that firebreaks could be created more quickly.



After the fire, much of the city was redesigned by Sir Christopher Wren, who rebuilt St Paul's with a dome instead of a steeple.



