

Great Fire of London



I should already know: -

- That Guy Fawkes exploded the Houses of Parliament in London with the 'gun-powder plot' in 1605.....before the Great fire of London.
- That objects and clothing looked different in the past for our grandparents and that things have changed today.

When?

Sunday 2nd September, 1666.
It lasted for 5 days!

Where?

Thomas Farriner's bakery on Pudding Lane



Why did it spread?

Buildings made from wood, straw and were close together.



The weather had been very hot and it had not rained = very dry. Strong winds blew the flames.



How did they put the fire out?

Leather buckets and water squirts did not work. Fire-hooks were used to pull down buildings.

What was destroyed?

13,000 buildings destroyed.
70,000 people homeless.
87 churches burned down.
6 people died..

Key people:



Samuel Pepys



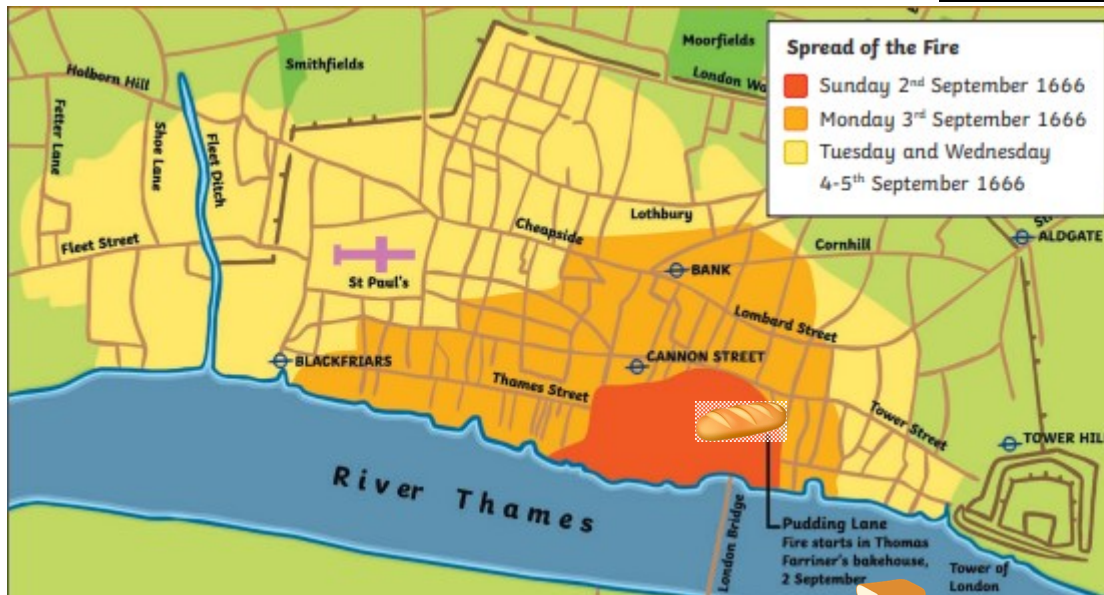
Thomas Farriner



King Charles II

Timeline:

Sun 2nd Sept	Mon 3rd Sept	Tues 4th Sept	Weds 5th Sept	Thurs 6th Sept
The fire starts at 1 a.m. Mid-morning: Samuel Pepys starts to write about the fire in his diary .	The fire gets very close to the Tower of London.	The wind dies down and the fire spreads more slowly.	St Paul's Cathedral is destroyed by the fire	The fire is finally put out. Thousands of people are left homeless



Key vocabulary:

bakery— a place that makes bread and cakes.

diary— a book that people write about their lives in.

St Paul's Cathedral— a very large church in London.

firebreak— a gap that stops a fire spreading to nearby villages.