



The Orchard Primary School: HISTORY KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER



Topic EVENT – The Great Fire of London

Year 2

Term Autumn

What should I already know about

The Great Fire of London started on Sunday 2nd September 1666 and ended on Thursday 6th September 1666.

The fire started in a bakery on Pudding Lane.

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

Key questions

EQ1 How can we work out why the Great Fire started?

EQ2 What happened during the Great Fire and how do we know?

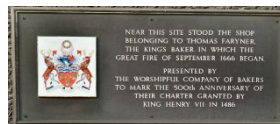
EQ3 Why did the Great Fire burn down so many houses?

EQ4 Could more have been done to slow the spread of the fire?

EQ5 How did people manage to live through the Great Fire?

EQ6 How shall we rebuild London after the Great Fire?

What will I know by the end of this unit
Knowledge and facts



Map of Fire of London

Vocabulary

Cathedral	Very large church
Diary	Book in which people write about things that happen in their life
Evidence	Clues used to prove that something happened
Pitch/Tar	Thick black sticky liquid that easily catches fire
Plaque	Writing to remember where something happened in the past
Squirts	Old-fashioned water carrier when you push the handle water shoots out
Thatch	Straw used to cover the roofs which easily catches alight
Warehouse	Large storehouse
Duke of York	The brother of the King who helped give orders to stop the fire spreading
King Charles II	The king at the time
Samuel Pepys	Famous man who kept a diary of everything that happened
Thomas Farriner	The baker who lived in Pudding Lane. A spark from his ovens started the Fire.

Timeline

1. The fire started in a bakery in Pudding Lane owned by Thomas Farriner.

2. The fire spread quickly and by 7 o'clock in the morning more than 300 houses had been destroyed

3. Some people tried to stop the fire spreading

4. The King was told of the fire and he ordered the Mayor to knock down any houses to stop it spreading

5. People realized they couldn't stay any longer and escaped on foot and on river barges.

6. The fire got worse; many more buildings were destroyed including St. Paul's Cathedral.

7. They even tried blowing up houses with gunpowder to stop the fire spreading even further

8. By night the fire was close to the Tower of London

9. The wind died down and the fire stopped spreading so quickly

10. By evening all the fires had been put out.



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