

# Topic Taster Year 1: Great fire of London

## Facts:

Did You Know?

\*Pudding Lane is said to have got its name from the medieval word for entrails and organs ("puddings"), which would fall from the butchers' carts as they were being pulled to the waste barges on the River Thames.

\*Thomas Farriner was in the crowd at Robert Hubert's execution.

\*Pepys wrote the diary in a form of shorthand called Tachygraphy, a code which was not translated until 150 years later.

## Great fire vocabulary.

The monument - A column in the city of London, near the bridge, to commemorate the fire.

The River Thames - People tried to escape by boat down the river.

Leather bucket - Used to fight the fire.

The Tower of London - Troops used gunpowder from the tower to create firebreaks to stop it from spreading.

Firehooks - A large pole with a metal head and a hook used for tearing down buildings during a blaze.

The maid - the lay who discovered the fire.

The plague - was destroyed by the fire as it killed off diseased rats and fleas.

## Key events!

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1666 - the day the fire started (approx. 1am) and Pepys reported it to King Charles II (11 am).

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 1666 - Duke of York set up fire posts around the city.

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 1666 - The city was overcome by fire.

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 1666 - Richard Rowe climbed on to the Middle Temple Hall roof to beat the flames.

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September 1666 - the day the fire ended.

## Key Individuals!

Thomas Farriner - The fire started at this baker's house shortly after midnight on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

Samuel Pepys - He became famous for writing a diary about the fire.

Christopher Wren - Rebuilt London.

King John Charles II - Helped to limit the fire damage and make sure homeless people were fed.

Enquiry

questions.

How long did the fire burn for?  
Were there any fire engines?  
How many people died?  
How was the fire put out?  
When did the fire start?  
What caused the fire?

## Places to visit

St. Paul's Cathedral.

The monument.

Pudding Lane.

St Magnus The Martyr.

London Bridge.

Museum of London.

<http://www.fireoflondon.org.uk/>

<http://kidrated.com/things-to-do/great-fire-of-london/>

<http://www.crickweb.co.uk/ks1history.html#fireoflondon>