

Year 2 – The Great Fire of London

Key Learning

The Great Fire of London started in a bakery in Pudding Lane. The baker's name was Thomas Farriner.

The fire lasted for 5 days from the 2nd until the 6th September 1666.

St. Paul's Cathedral was destroyed in the fire and then rebuilt.

Samuel Pepys was an eyewitness to the fire and wrote about it in his diary.

King Charles II was the kind of England at the time of the fire.

The fire spread so quickly because of the wind and because the wooden houses were built close together. This why modern houses are built of brick and stone.

Local Heritage

The Great Fire of Oswestry – July 1743.

<https://blog.library.wales/the-great-fire-of-oswestry/>

Exciting Reads



Subject Specific Vocabulary

Capital city	The city in a country where the government functions.
Population	The number of people that live in a certain place.
Architect	Someone who designs buildings
Eyewitness	A person who sees something happen first-hand.
Past	Something which has gone by in time and no longer existing.
Present	Something which is existing or occurring now.
Flammable	Something which could easily set on fire.
Embers	A small piece of burning or glowing coal or wood in a dying fire
Ash	The powdery remains after burning something.

Timeline

2nd September

The fire begins.

3rd September

The fire is spreading quickly. It is so big it can be seen 60 miles away.

4th September

St. Paul's Cathedral is destroyed.
The wind begins to die down.

5th September

Most of the fire is put out.

6th September

The final fires are extinguished.