

## YEAR 2 - TOPIC:

This is what we are learning in history lessons this half term.

## Where is London?



London is the capital city of England.

It is located in south east England.

Peterlee is a town and is located in north east England.

## Key Events and Facts

When and where did the fire start?	The fire started on Sunday 2nd September 1666. It started in Thomas Farynor's bakery on Pudding Lane.
Why did the fire spread so quickly?	In 1666, the buildings in London were made of wood and straw and they were very close together, making it easy for the flames to spread. It had also been a dry summer, so the buildings were dry. Strong winds were blowing, which helped the flames to spread.
How did people try to put the fire out?	People used leather buckets and water squirts to try to put the fire out, but these did not work. Later in the week, King Charles II ordered buildings to be pulled down using firehooks to stop the flames from spreading.
How long did the fire last?	The fire lasted 4 days and ended on Thursday 6th September 1666.

## Timeline

**Monday 3rd September 1666**

The fire gets very close to the Tower of London.

**Tuesday 4th September 1666**

**St Paul's Cathedral** is destroyed by the fire.

**Sunday 2nd September 1666**

The fire starts at 1 a.m.

Mid-morning: Samuel Pepys starts to write about the fire in his **diary**.

**Wednesday 5th September 1666**

The wind dies down and the fire spreads more slowly.

**Thursday 6th September 1666**

The fire is finally put out.

Thousands of people are left homeless.

## Key Vocabulary

firehook	A tool used in the past to pull down buildings on fire.
water squirt	A tool used to squirt water onto flames.
monument	A statue, building or other structure built to remember a significant person or event.
ruins	The remains of a structure that has been destroyed.
century	A period of 100 years. We live in the 21st century.

## How did London change after the fire?

Houses were no longer allowed to be made from wood or straw; instead they had to be made from brick or stone.

A monument was built so that people would not forget the fire.

The first fire brigade was formed.

## Key People



Samuel Pepys



King Charles II



Thomas Farnor

## How far did the fire spread?

