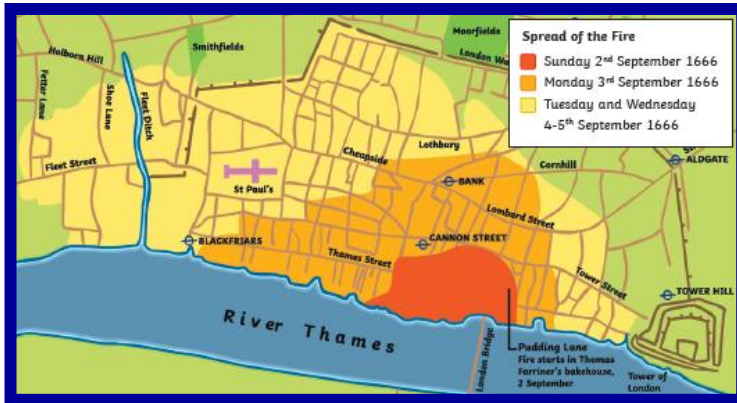


Great Fires of the past - Year 2



Key dates - Great Fire of London

Sunday 2nd September 1666 - The fire starts at 1a.m.

Sunday 2nd September 1666 - Mid-morning, **Samuel Pepys** starts writing about the fire in his **diary**

Tuesday 4th September 1666 - **St Paul's Cathedral** is destroyed by the fire.

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 dates - Great Fire of Newcastle & Gateshead

6th October 1854, Early morning - A fire starts in a mill on the **Gateshead** side of the **Quayside**

6th October 1854, Later that morning - The fire spreads to **Mr Bertram's** warehouse, there is an explosion

6th October 1854 - The fire spreads across the river to **Newcastle**.

7th October 1854 - A day and a half later the fire is put out after buildings are pulled down.

Key Vocabulary to learn

AD (Anno Domini) - "in the year of our Lord". AD is used to show dates after the birth of Jesus.

Century - a time period of 100 years

17th Century - the years from 1600 to 1699 in the past

19th Century - the years from 1800 to 1899

Britain - the island consisting of England, Scotland, and Wales, which together with Northern Ireland makes up the United Kingdom.

London - The capital and largest city of the United Kingdom

Capital city - the city or town where you find a country's government

Old - made or built a long time ago

Modern - from the present or recent times

River Thames - the longest river in England, flows through London to the North Sea

River Tyne - a river that flows between Newcastle and Gateshead

Newcastle - a city on the north of the river Tyne in the North East of England

Gateshead - a large town in the North East of England on the southern bank of the river Tyne.

Source - a place, person or thing that can tell us about the past

Evidence - facts or information that show if something is true

Diary - a book that someone writes in to record events and experiences

Eyewitness - a person who has seen something happen

Architect - a person who designs buildings

Mayor - a person who is in charge of a town or city

Monument - a statue, building, or other structure made to remember an important person or event

Key questions

What important events happened in my own life and British history? How has London changed over time? What was the Great Fire of London? How do we find out about what happened in the past? What sources are useful for learning about the past? What lessons did people learn from this tragic event? What happened during the Great Fire of Newcastle and Gateshead? What might an eye witness to the fire say? How have the fire brigade changed since the Great Fire? What have we learned about the Great Fires? How did the fires influence songs and music?