



LQ: What happened in the Great Fire of London?

This term we are going to be learning all about the Great Fire of London. *What do you already know?*



Watch these videos to learn more!

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/37222884>



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Er3GKw8Z3R4>



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Timeline of Events





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The Great Fire of London started on the 2nd September
1666 (355 years ago!)

Early Sunday morning



The fire starts at Thomas Farriner's bakery on
Pudding lane.



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Mid Sunday morning

As news of the fire spreads,
people run to escape from its
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Sunday morning

Samuel Pepys
starts to record
the unfolding
events in his
diary.





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Sunday evening

Houses are pulled down in an attempt to stop the fire spreading.



In 1666, lots of people had houses made from wood and straw which burned easily. Houses were also built very close together.



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Early Monday morning

People carry their possessions
to safety using boats on the
River Thames.





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Late Monday morning



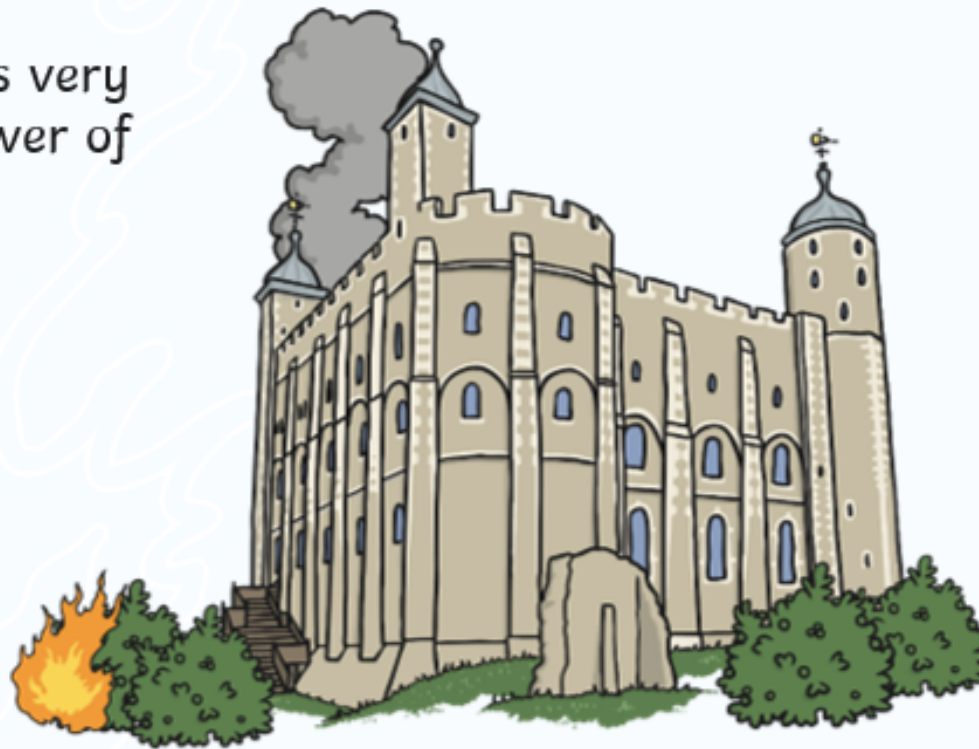
Carts are banned from going
near the fire.



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Monday evening

The fire spreads very
close to the Tower of
London.

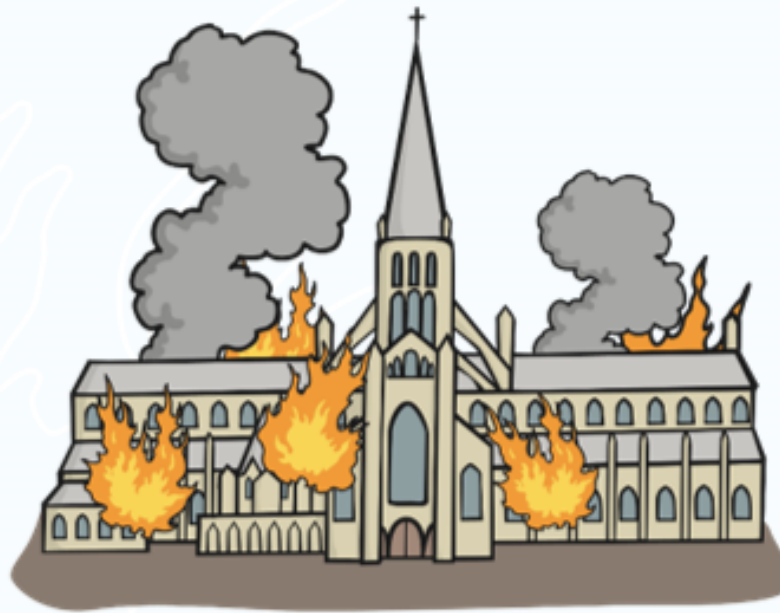




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Tuesday

St Paul's Cathedral is destroyed
by the fire.





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Wednesday



The fire starts to
burn more slowly
as the wind dies
down.



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Thursday



The fire is finally under control
and put out.

The Great Fire of
London lasted just
under 5 days.



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Facts about the Great Fire of London:

Before the fire began, there had been a drought in London that lasted for 10 months, so the city was very dry.

To fight fires during this time, people would have used leather buckets, metal hooks and water squirts.



Artists who were alive in 1666 painted pictures of the fire afterwards, so we know what it would have looked like if we'd been there too.



When houses were rebuilt, a lot of them were made in bricks instead of wood, and they weren't built so close together.

Sir Christopher Wren designed a monument to remember the Great Fire of London, which still stands today.





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Activity: Cut and stick the pictures, ordering the events in chronological order.

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Tuesday  St Paul's Cathedral is destroyed by the fire.	Sunday evening  Houses are pulled down in an attempt to stop the fire spreading.	Early Monday morning  People carry their possessions to safety using boats on the River Thames.
Early Sunday morning  The fire starts at Thomas Farriner's bakery on Pudding lane.	Thursday  The fire is finally under control and put out.	Late Monday morning  Carts are banned from going near the fire.

We will be using this to help with our writing on Wednesday!