

# London's Burning (The Great Fire of London) | History theme | Year 1 | Autumn 1

## Vocabulary (Goldilocks words)

1	Central London	The area in the middle of London city where the Fire started.
2	Plague	A terrible disease from the olden days
3	spread	Grow to take over a larger area
4	sources	The things we get (historical) information from
5	diary	A personal piece of writing someone writes about their life
6	Construction	The way in which a house is built

## What made the fire spread so quickly?

1	Wind	There was a strong wind blowing westwards
2	Houses	The houses were made of wood and straw as well as being very close together
3	Fire Brigade	There Fire Brigade was very small in the 17 <sup>th</sup> century and their fire-engines didn't work very well
4	Hot summer	It had been a very hot, dry summer
5	Warehouses	Warehouses full of flammable material caught fire and burnt for a long time

## Time line

1	1633	Samuel Pepys was born
2	1660	Samuel Pepys started writing his diary
3	1665	The Great Plague spread and killed lots of people in Central London
4	Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 1666, 2am	The Fire started at a bakery on Pudding Lane
5	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 1666	Saint Paul's cathedral caught fire
6	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> September, 1666	The fire was put out



A map of London from the 17<sup>th</sup> century



Southbank before and after the fire

## Key people

1	Samuel Pepys	He documented the Great Fire of London in his diary
2	Thomas Farriner	The baker who owned the bakery where the fire started
3	King Charles II	The King at the time of the fire who helped to solve the problem of the fire
4	Sir Thomas Bloodsworth	The mayor at the time of the fire