

Year 2 History Knowledge Organiser: Great Fire of London

Subject Specific Vocabulary	
diary	A diary is a daily record of a person's experiences and thoughts.
leather buckets	Leather buckets are buckets, made from leather with a rope handle. They only held a small amount of water and were passed along a line of people towards the fire.
thatched roof	The surface or covering on the top of a building made from straw, palm leaves or dried materials woven together.
Samuel Pepys	Samuel Pepys lived in London during the Great Fire and wrote a diary recording the events that occurred.
fire hook	Fire hooks were used to pull down buildings in an attempt to stop the fire spreading to other buildings.
fire squirt	A fire squirt is a pump used to suck up water and then squirt it at the fire. At least two people were needed to use them, as they were so large and heavy.
flammable	Flammable means a material that is able to catch on fire easily.
wooden beams	A wooden beam is a structural support made from wood. They are mainly used in wood frame structures like small houses.
sources	Someone or something that provides information.



Key Knowledge

- The Great Fire of London **started on Sunday, 2 September 1666** in a **baker's shop on Pudding Lane** belonging to Thomas Farynor.
- At the time of the Great Fire of London about 350,000 people lived in the city.
- The summer of 1666 had been dry making it more likely that fires would spread.
- Buildings were made out of wooden beams and were built closely together.** This meant the fire spread easily between buildings.
- In 1666 there was no fire engines.** Leather buckets, axes and water squirts were used to fight the fire
- The fire lasted for five days.**
- Samuel Pepys**, a man who lived at the time, **kept a diary** that has been well preserved.

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