

Step Back in Time



Y2 Knowledge Organiser



Key Facts
In 1666 most of the buildings in London were made of wood and straw. When they were re-built people used bricks and concrete.
The Great Fire of London began in a bakery in Pudding Lane.
Thomas Farriner was the owner of the bakery and he thought he'd put the oven fire out before he went to bed.
The fire lasted for 4 days and burned down almost 13,000 homes as well as 87 churches. Lots of people had to live in tents because they had lost their homes.
People used leather buckets, metal hooks and water squirters to put out the fire.
The London fire brigade was started after the Great Fire of London.

Vocabulary	Definition
past tense	This describes something that has already happened and usually has an 'ed' ending such as walked or listened.
present tense	This means that something is happening right now so it is 'in the present' such as 'I am skipping home'.
thatched	A roof made out of dry straw or reeds.
disaster	A sudden accident or a natural catastrophe that causes great damage or loss of life.
monument	A statue, building, or other structure erected to commemorate a person or event in history.
drought	A long time without rainfall meaning there is a shortage of water and things are very dry.

Books we recommend :

Key questions

Can you describe London was like in 1666, before the Great Fire of London?

Can you make some comparisons between London now and London in 1666?

Can you describe the events of the Great Fire of London and sequence them?

Can you explain how and why Samuel Pepys is a significant historical person?

Timeline