

## History — The Great Fire of London.

The 'Great Fire of London' started on Sunday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of September 1666 in a baker's shop on Pudding Lane. The baker was called Thomas Farriner.

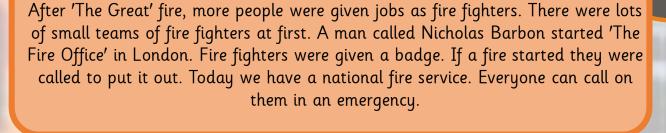
The fire lasted for 5 days.

In 1666, most of London's buildings were made from wood.

They were also packed tightly together in narrow rows.

Fire services never used to exist so citizens had to try and put the fire out! They used leather buckets filled with water and axes.

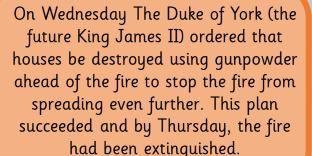






We know about the Great Fire from 'eyewitness' accounts'. Samuel Pepys was an eyewitness, he recorded the events of the fire in his diary.





## Vocabulary

Historical Source – an original document or item that holds important information about the past.

Diary - a book that people write about their lives in.

**Samuel Pepys** —famous for the diary he kept for almost ten years. Because of this diary we now know lots of information about historical events and what life was like in 17<sup>th</sup> century London.

Thomas Farriner — his bakery on Pudding Lane was where the fire started.

**London** — London is the capital and largest city of England and the United Kingdom.

17<sup>th</sup> Century - from the year 1601 to 1700. The Great Fire of London happened in the 17th century, in 1666.

Rebuilt - building something again after it has been broken or destroyed.