

## Key People



### Thomas Farriner

An ember from one of Thomas' bakery ovens ignited some nearby firewood.



### Samuel Pepys

One of the ways we know about the fire is because Samuel Pepys wrote about it in his diary.



### King Charles II

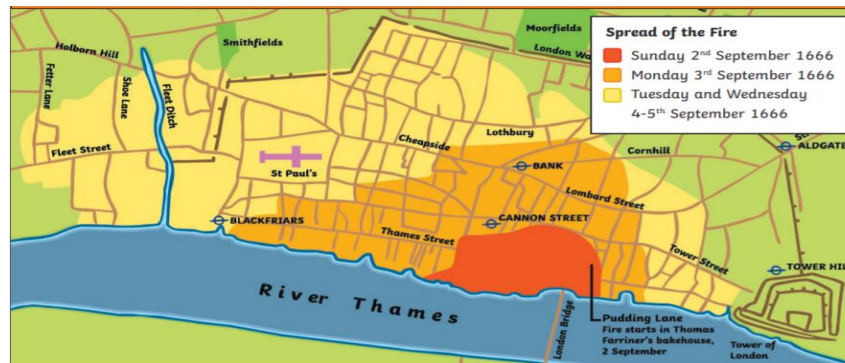
Charles II was the King of England in 1666. After the fire, he made a decree that houses must be built further apart and built from stone not timber.

# History – Y2

## Key Questions and Answers



When and where did the fire start?	The fire of London started in a bakery in Pudding Lane on 2nd September 1666.
Why did it spread?	It hadn't rained for months so the city was very dry. In 1666, lots of people had houses made from wood which burns easily. Houses were built too close together and there was no organised fire brigade.
How did they fight the fire?	They used leather buckets and squirts filled with water, axes, fire-hooks and gunpowder to make fire-breaks.
How and when was the fire put out?	By Thursday 6th September, the wind had died down. This meant that people were able to put out the flames.



## Key Vocabulary



bakery	A place where bread or cakes are made and sold.
London	The capital city of England and the United Kingdom.
diary	A personal record of life's events.
eye-witness	A person who has seen something and can give a description of it.
embers	Small pieces of glowing coal or wood in a dying fire.
fire-hooks	Giant hooks used to pull down houses.
fire-break	When buildings are destroyed to make a gap so the fire can't spread.
flammable	When something burns easily.

### Sunday 2nd September 1666

A fire starts in Thomas Farriner's bakery on Pudding Lane. As news of the fire spreads, people run to escape its path.

### Monday 3rd September 1666

Fire-fighters try to tackle the fire but it spreads quickly. People carry their possessions to safety using a horse

### Tuesday 4th September 1666

Houses are pulled down in an attempt to stop the fire spreading. St. Paul's Cathedral is destroyed.

### Wednesday 5th September 1666

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

### Thursday 6th September 1666

The fire is finally under control and put out. People are left homeless.