



History

Year 2

Great Fire of London



Concepts

Legacy,
Culture,
Equality,
Climate
Sustainability

Samuel Pepys, a famous diarist, was an eyewitness at the Great Fire of London. He recommended to the King that buildings were pulled down – many thought it was the only way to stop the fire. Accepting this advice, the King told him to go to Lord Mayor Sir Thomas Bloodworth and tell him to start pulling down houses but the fire continued to spread.



Aspirational People

Historians

Someone who studies or writes about history to help people understand the past.

Primary sources

Something that gives information from the time when it happened

Firebreak

Land which is cleared to stop a fire spreading. King Charles II gave orders for houses to be pulled down to create firebreaks

Eyewitness

Someone who was there at the time.

Legacy

Legacy means learning from the past. A persons legacy shows us what they achieved and the impact they had on people and places.

- ✦ The fire started in Thomas Farriners bakery in Pudding Lane.
- ✦ The fire began on Sunday 2nd September 1666 (beyond living memory). It was finally put out on Thursday.
- ✦ The fire spread quickly as:
 - The houses were made of timber frames and thatched roofs
 - The houses were close together
 - The weather had been hot / dry
 - The wind was strong blowing the flames
- ✦ Samuel Pepys wrote a diary detailing events he witnessed during the fire.
- ✦ Architects designed new homes which were built of bricks / stone and the streets were wider.

Sticky Knowledge

Subject Specific Vocabulary

Exciting Books

