

Emscote Infant School Knowledge Organiser Year 2 History



Spring Term The Great Fire of London (and Warwick)

I already know...

There are similarities and differences between life in the past and life now.

Vocabulary

London: the capital city of England

Samuel Pepys: a person who lived in London at the time of the Great Fire

diary: a book in which people write about what has happened each day

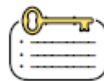
eyewitness: someone who saw something happen

source: something that gives us information about an event, place or person from the past

firebreak: a gap between two buildings that helps to stop a fire from spreading

flammable: easily set on fire

Key Facts

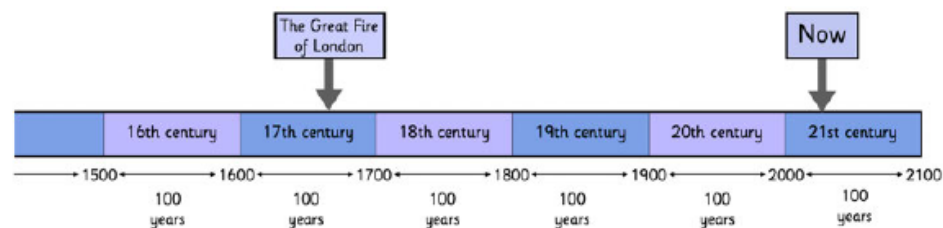


- The Great Fire of London started in a **bakery** in Pudding Lane.
- The fire burned for **almost five days**; it was very hard to put out.
- It **destroyed one third** of London.
- **Samuel Pepys** kept a **diary** about the events of the Great Fire.
- London was **rebuilt** after the fire.

Timeline



The Great Fire of London happened almost 400 years ago. This is **beyond living memory**.



The Great Fire of London took place in the **17th century**, in the year **1666**. This was in the **Stuart era**, during the reign of King Charles II.

Sources



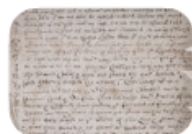
We can use these **sources** to find out about the Great Fire of London.



diaries



paintings



letters



artefacts

Enquiry questions



We can ask **questions**.

- **Where** did the fire start, and how?
- **Why** did it spread so quickly and last so long?
- **How** did people try to put the fire out?
- **How** do we know so much about the Great Fire of London?

Enquiry skills



We can **compare and contrast** houses from the time of the Great Fire with houses **now**.

Building materials for houses:

then



wood, straw

now



bricks, tiles

The Great Fire of Warwick

Key facts

In **1694**, in the town of **Warwick**, a **fire** started in the middle of the day and it spread very fast.

It began when a tiny **spark** from a blacksmith's shop flew onto the **thatched roofs** of the Blacksmiths Shop . A thatched roof is made of dry straw, and fire can catch very easily.

The town was very dry and windy, the fire spread quickly. Big flames ran down the street and burned many homes and shops. Lots of people had to run away to stay safe.

People ran into St Mary's Church, to hide, because it was made of stone, but the fire was so strong that even the church got damaged.

The fire burned for many hours and destroyed **hundreds of houses** in the town.

What happened after the fire?

After the fire was out, the people of Warwick rebuilt their town. They made new houses out of **brick and stone** so that another fire would be less likely to happen.

We live in the **21st century**. The Great Fire of Warwick took place in the **17th century**.

