



# As Historians, our big question is... Who started the Great Fire of London?



## REMEMBERING



## UNDERSTANDING



Monday 3rd September 1666

The fire gets very close to the Tower of London.

Tuesday 4th September 1666

St Paul's Cathedral is destroyed by the fire.

Timeline of Events

Sunday 2nd September 1666

The fire starts at 1 a.m.  
Mid-morning: Samuel Pepys starts to write about the fire in his **diary**.

Wednesday 5th September 1666

The wind dies down and the fire spreads more slowly.

Thursday 6th September 1666

The fire is finally put out.  
Thousands of people are left homeless.

I know that we celebrate certain events, such as bonfire night, because of what happened many years ago.

I can identify objects from the past, such as vinyl records.

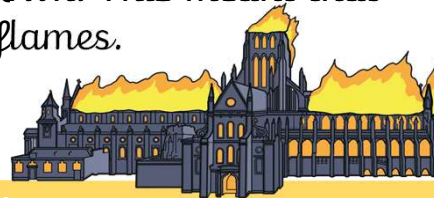
I can talk about an important historical event that happened in the past.

I can explain differences between past and present in my life and that of other children from a different time in history.

The fire started on Sunday 2nd September 1666 in Thomas Farriner's bakery on Pudding Lane.

In 1666, the buildings in London were made of wood and straw and they were very close together, making it easy for the flames to spread. It had also been a dry summer, so the buildings were dry. Strong winds were blowing, which helped the flames to spread.

King Charles II ordered buildings to be pulled down to stop the flames from spreading. By Thursday 6th September, the wind had died down. This meant that people were able to put out the flames.



## APPLYING



Do you know that **archaeologists** have a really exciting job, but one that is so important in helping us understand history? They literally dig up and uncover what life was like in the past!

In year 3 you will learn more about this role, but can you think of any archaeologists who have helped us understand history?

## Vocabulary

bakery

St. Paul's Cathedral

diary

fire break

fire hook

water squirt

A place that makes bread, cakes, etc.

A very large church in London.  
A new St

A book that people write about their lives in.

A gap that stops a fire spreading to nearby buildings.

A stout pole with a hooked metal end, used in

A pump used to suck up water and then squirt it at