

How can lessons from history keep us safe today?



Essential Project Pre-Learning

- London is the capital city of England
- Houses were made from wood and built close together
- A small ember left unattended can start a huge fire
- Wind can cause fire to spread quickly
- Fire Brigades did not exist



Essential Project Learning

- The Great Fire of London started on the 2nd September 1666
- The fire began in Thomas Farriner's bakery on Pudding Lane, London
- Thomas Farriner did not put the fire out properly and an ember set fire to his bakery
- People tried to escape to boats on the River Thames, taking their belongings with them.



- King Charles II reigned from 1660-1685
- He was the King during the time of The Great Fire of London
- He ordered people to pull down the houses to prevent the fire from spreading any further



- The fire spread quickly due to the wind, houses being built close together and the wood which was used to build them
- Samuel Pepys wrote a diary about his experiences of The Great Fire of London



- Leather buckets, water squirts and fire hooks were used to help fight the fire
- The hooks were used to pull down the houses
- Due to not having the equipment to put out the fire quickly, 13,200 houses and 87 churches were destroyed



Language Dozen

Warehouse	A large building for storing goods. The area around Pudding Lane was full of warehouses containing highly flammable items including timber, rope and oil
River Thames	The River Thames is the longest river in England which flows through London to the North Sea
The Tower of London	The Tower of London is a historic castle located on the North bank of the River Thames in central London
Pudding Lane	Pudding Lane was a narrow street of wooden houses crowded together, many leaning out towards each other. Pudding Lane is where the Great Fire of London started
London	London is the capital city of England
Escape	To break free
Destroyed	Completely ruined
Diary	A book in which a person writes about what they have seen, heard or what they have been doing
Samuel Pepys	Samuel Pepys worked for the English government and wrote a diary account of the disasters throughout The Great Fire of London
City	A city is a large town. The Great Fire of London took place in the city of London
Bakery	A place where bread and cakes are made or sold
Thomas Farriner	Thomas Farriner was the owner of the Pudding Lane bakery where the fire started



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Year 2 Spring Term 2026

Essential Question:

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The Golden Rules

Do as you are asked
the first time.

Take care of everyone
and everything.

Show RESPECT at all
times.

Good attendance is
95%+.

Please remember to
arrive on time!



Project Outcome

Come and watch our Robin Hood version of
the 'Great Fire of London', on the school
field!

Tuesday the 24th of March 2026

Essential Project Person



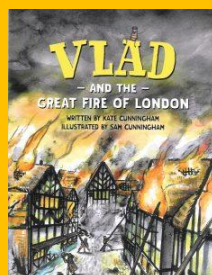
Samuel Pepys-

Wrote a diary to
document how the
events of the fire
unfolded.

Key Dates

26.01. Mock phonics
screening check
09.02. Children's Mental
Health Week
13.02. Aiming High
Assemblies
13.02. Ambassador Day

Additional Reading and Viewing



<https://www.museumoflondon.org.uk/museum-london/great-fire>

<http://www.fireoflondon.org.uk/>

Helpful Websites

TTRockstars
Numbots

PE

PE is on Wednesday
and Thursday, please
come to school in your
PE kit.

Homework

Please read at least 5
days each week.
Learning Logs will be
checked on a Monday.

13.02. Break up for half
term

23.02 Return to school
02.03. Arts Week
04.03. Parents invited in
to school for art outcomes
05.03. World Book Day
16.03. Assessment week
24.03. 'London's burning'
27.03 Aiming High
Assemblies

27.03. Break up for Easter

