

Year 2 Term 1  
Society



# What was the Great Fire of London?



## Key Figure - Frank Bailey



Frank Bailey came from Guyana and moved to London. In 1955 he became one of the first Black firefighters in Britain, helping to put out fires and keep people safe. Later, he spent his life standing up for fairness and equality.

## Key Historical skills

Chronology



Similarity and difference



Cause and consequence

Significance



## Key Facts



- The fire started on Sunday 2nd September 1666 in Thomas Farriner's bakery on Pudding Lane.
- It is believed the fire started from a spark from his oven.
- In 1666, the buildings in London were made from flammable materials and were very close together.
- Community tried to put the fire out but were unsuccessful.
- King Charles II ordered buildings to be pulled down to stop the flames from spreading.
- The Great Fire caused a lot of damage and destroyed houses, buildings and churches.



## Key vocabulary

St Paul's cathedral	A Christian building razed to the ground in the fire and rebuilt using designs by Sir Christopher Wren.
eye witness	A person who has seen something happen with his or her own eyes.
fire break	A barrier of clear or plowed land.
fire hook	A stout pole having a hooked metal head and used especially in firefighting for tearing down walls or ceilings.
flammable	Capable of being easily set on fire.
London	The capital city of England.
embers	A glowing piece of coal or wood in the ashes from the fire.
thatched roof	Roof made of dry vegetation such as straw.

## Timeline

Sunday 2nd September 1666	The fire starts at 1 a.m in Pudding lane Mid-morning: Samuel Pepys starts to write about the fire in his diary.
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.
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.

## Historical Concepts - Our Learning Journey

Reception  
Society - Memory box

Year 1/2  
Society - Seaside, Toys, Great Fire of London

Year 3/4  
Society - Stone-age to Iron age, Romans, Ancient Egypt, Ancient Greece, Vikings

Year 5/6  
Society - Islam, Mayans, Benin, Victorian

