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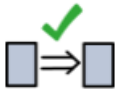
Year 2 Autumn 1

Did the Great Fire make London a better or worse place?

RISING STARS History

Key Vocabulary	
cause 	the reason why something has happened.
diary 	a book where someone writes about events and experiences.
eyewitness 	a person who has seen something happen – they can give a first-hand description.
memorial 	a statue or structure built to remind people of a person or event.
The Stuart family 	the royal family in England from 1603 – 1714.

Timeline of Events

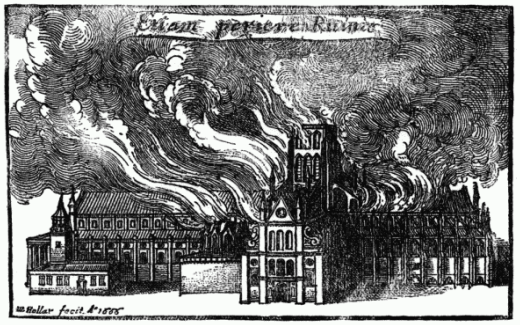
Sunday 2nd September 1666
The fire starts at around 1 a.m.
Mid-morning: Samuel Pepys starts to write about the fire in his diary.

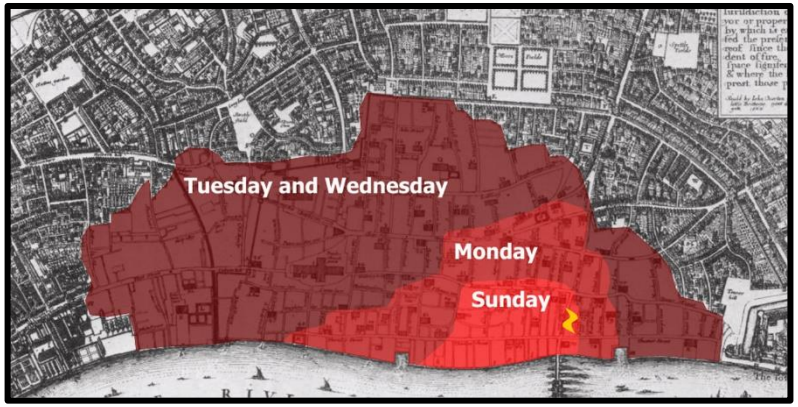
Monday 3rd September 1666
The fire gets very close to the Tower of London.

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.





Key Knowledge	
When was the Great Fire of London?	The Great Fire of London started on Sunday 2nd September 1666 and ended on Thursday 6th September 1666.
Where did the fire start?	The fire started in a bakery on Pudding Lane.
Why did the fire spread so quickly?	In 1666, the buildings in London were very close together and many were made of wood and had straw roofs.
What happened after the fire?	King Charles II ordered that buildings were built further apart and made of stone to make sure the fire could not happen again so easily.

Key People


Samuel Pepys


Sir Christopher Wren


King Charles II





