

Links to prior learning  
– Kings and Queens,  
the monarchy, Yr 1

# Year 2 – The Great Fire of London

Key concepts in history which run through all topics: parliament, civilisation, empire, peasantry

Links to other subjects –  
English, diary writing  
newspaper reports  
Art/DT fire and buildings

## Subject Specific Vocabulary

<b>civilisation</b>	Societies achieve an advanced stage of development and organisation
<b>River Thames</b>	The main river through London which was used for trade in 1666.
<b>rats</b>	A rodent which spread disease such as the plague.
<b>bakery</b>	The place where bread and other bakery items are made.
<b>diary</b>	A record of events usually written in a notebook.
<b>Pudding Lane</b>	The street in London where the fire started.
<b>drought</b>	A long period without rain resulting in dryness.

## Key people, facts and sticky knowledge

**Samuel Pepys** wrote an eye witness account of the Great Fire which has provided evidence to the events that happened.

**Thomas Farynor** was the owner of the bakery where the fire started.

**King Charles II** was on the throne during this period. He was also witness to the Great Plague in 1665 which saw over 100,000 deaths. Fleas on rats spread this disease.

**Sir Christopher Wren** was an architect who helped to rebuild London after the fire. He rebuilt 52 churches and St Paul's Cathedral (completed in 1710).

The first official fire brigades were created after the fire.

*By the end of this period of learning, pupils should be able to describe what started the fire, how it spread, why it spread, how it was stopped and how London was rebuilt. They should ask the question, 'How did this change civilisation in London?'*



GFOL artefacts:



## Historical Timeline

Bronze Age (2500BC – 800BC) Ancient Egypt (3100BC – 332BC) Stone Age (8700BC – 2000BC)	Bronze Age (2500BC – 800BC) Mayans (800BC) Ancient Greece (2900BC – 336BC) Ancient Egypt (3100BC – 332BC)	Roman Britain (27BC – 476AD) Celts (275BC – 43AD) Iron Age (800BC – 332BC) Mayans (800BC – 250AD) Ancient Egypt (3100BC – 332BC)	0AD	Vikings (700 -1100AD) Anglo Saxons (410 – 793AD) Roman Britain (27BC – 476AD)	Moon landing 1969 WW2 (1939 – 1945) WW1 (1914 – 1918) The Victorians (1837 – 1903) Industrial Revolution Tudors (1485 – 1603) <b>Great Fire of London 1666</b>
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