WORD AWARE

bakery – where cakes, bread and pastries are baked to sell

belongings – a list of items that you own and want to take care of

cart – a wooden vehicle used to carry goods. Often pulled by a horse.

destroyed – to ruin something completely

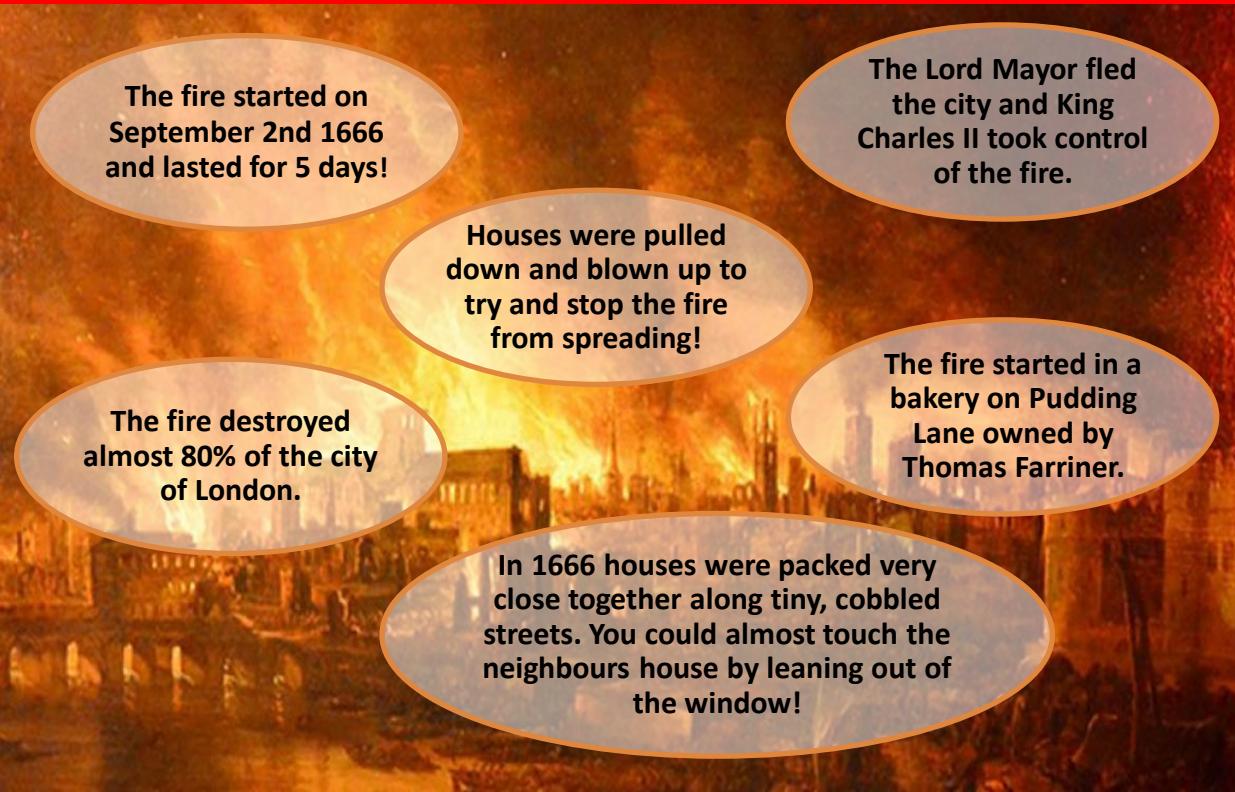**diary –** a personal book used to keep a daily account of event and feelings

escape – to get away from a place where you may be in danger

fire hook – a long pole with a hooked metal head, used to pull down walls or ceilings

London – The capital city of the United Kingdom

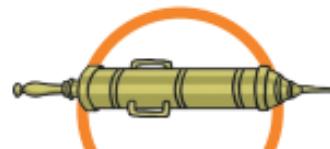**Mayor –** a person in charge of a town or city

The Great Fire of London!

The fire started on September 2nd 1666 and lasted for 5 days!

The Lord Mayor fled the city and King Charles II took control of the fire.

Houses were pulled down and blown up to try and stop the fire from spreading!

The fire destroyed almost 80% of the city of London.

The fire started in a bakery on Pudding Lane owned by Thomas Farriner.

In 1666 houses were packed very close together along tiny, cobbled streets. You could almost touch the neighbours house by leaning out of the window!

Tools

leather water bucket

water squirt

fire hook

Sing a song! 'London's Burning' is a song derived from the great fire of London
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Atpbo3wOts

Timeline of key events

September 2nd

1am – The fire starts in a bakery on Pudding Lane

3am – Samuel Pepys is awoken and told about the fire

7am – 300 houses have burned and the fire is spreading

10am – Samuel Pepys visits the King to tell him about the fire

September 3rd

4am – Samuel Pepys begins to pack his belongings and move to safety

9am – More people start to flee London as the fire gets out of control

September 4th

5am – The King offers rewards to men who help to stop the fire

8pm – St. Paul's Cathedral catches fire and it mostly destroyed

September 5th

2am – Buildings are torn down and blown up to try and stop the fire from spreading

September 8th

8am – The wind begins to calm and the fire comes to an end

Important People

Samuel Pepys

His detailed diaries kept an account of what happened during the great fire of London. He buried his cheese and wine to keep them safe.

King Charles II

King of England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland in 1649. He made great efforts to help stop the fire from spreading in 1666.

Thomas Bloodworth

The Lord Mayor of London. He was supposed to give orders and deal with important problems in the city of London.

Find out more information about London and the people who lived there and play games at http://www.fireoflondon.org.uk/game/