



Knowledge Organiser History Year 2

What happened during the Great Fire of London and how did London change?

Key Vocabulary	
Mayor	The head of a town, borough or county council.
Blaze	A very large or fiercely burning fire.
Escape	Break free
Bakery	A place where bread and cakes are made or sold.
Scorched	Burn the surface of something with flame or heat.
Great	Of an extent, amount, or intensity, considerably above average.
17th Century	The period 1601–1700
Cause	A person or thing that gives rise to an action, phenomenon, or condi-
Effect	A change which is a result or consequence of an action or other cause.
Stuarts	The Stuarts were the first kings of the United Kingdom.

Historical Figure

Samuel Pepys



Key knowledge

1. The Great Fire of London started on Sunday 2nd September 1666.
2. The fire started in a baker's shop on Pudding Lane.
3. The fire spread easily because the houses were packed too close together and London was very dry after a long, hot summer.
4. They stopped the fire by destroying buildings in the fire's path before the fire reached them.
5. London was rebuilt after the fire.
6. Samuel Pepys wrote a diary about the Great Fire of London.