



The Great Fire of London

Year 4 Revision Guide

Where:

Where did it start? In a baker's shop in Pudding Lane, London owned by Thomas Farynor

When:

When did it start? At 2am on Sunday 2nd September 1666

When did it end? September 5th

What:

What happened during the fire? A strong wind blew. Houses and buildings came crashing down. People ran away to the edges of the city.

What happened after the fire? They built a new better London with stone and brick. They started a fire service The London Fire Brigade.

What were the benefits of the fire? London improved, it was cleaner, safer and an example for other cities.

Who:

Who started the fire? The king's baker accidentally started the fire his name was Thomas Farynor. Nobody cleared the ashes from an oven and a spark from the fire which had not been properly extinguished set the house alight.

Who discovered the fire? One of his worker's smelled smoke. His maid refused to leave and died.

Who wrote about the fire? Samuel Pepys

Why:

Why did the fire last so long? There was a strong wind. It had been a long unusually hot summer and it was very dry. Not many people tried to put it out!





Why did the fire spread so quickly? Wind, wooden houses, lots of flammable things: rubbish, oil, tar. The houses were close together. There was no water only street pumps and the river. The people all ran away! The people who tried to put it out only had leather buckets, wooden ladders and water squirters!

How:

How did they put the fire out? They made fire breaks by pulling down houses or blowing them up. The fire reached the Middle Temple Wall and the wind died down.

How many people died? No more than 6 **officially...**

How many buildings burned? 4 fifths of London was destroyed. The Great Fire of London destroyed more than 370 acres of the City of London. It destroyed more than 13,000 houses, 84 churches and more than 40 halls.

How do we remember what happened? The Monument is a column in London which was built to remember the fire. If the Monument was to be laid on its side it would reach to exactly where the fire began. The top is a golden flame. Also the Baker's Guild put a plaque at the site where the fire began.

There are some differing accounts about how many people died. To check some of these you can look on this website and play the interactive game:

[The Museum of London Guide to The Great Fire](#)

Good luck with your revision Year 4

