

# Knowledge Organiser: Year 2 London's Burning!

## Key Vocabulary

**Flammable:** Something which can burn.

**Fire Hook:** A hook on a pole, which is used to pull down a burning building.

**Fire break:** The name for the gap in the fire made when a building is pulled down.

**Eyewitness:** Someone who sees something happen and then describes it for others.

**Diary:** A book somebody writes about their life in.

**Samuel Pepys:** An important man who kept a diary about the great Fire

**King Charles II:** The King of England in 1666.

## Sticky Knowledge

- The Fire of London started on 2nd September 1666 in Thomas Farriner's bakery on Pudding Lane in the middle of the night. The fire lasted for 5 days.
- Samuel Pepys wrote a diary about what happened. He went to see the Lord Mayor to ask him to do something to help.
- People escaped on the River Thames on boats.
- St. Paul's Cathedral was destroyed by the fire.
- The houses were pulled down using fire hooks and people used leather buckets to try and put out the fire.
- Houses in London were mainly built from wood which is flammable, especially when it is very dry. The houses were also very close together, so fire could easily spread.
- London was rebuilt out of bricks by Sir Christopher Wren.



Next Step:  
Ks2  
Timelines

D & T  
Model Fire  
Engines

Art  
Paintings:  
Depictions of  
fire.

Reception: All about me