

# Live of significant people— Why was the fire so Great? Knowledge Mat



## Sticky knowledge

The Great Fire of London was in 1666, long before their Grandparents were even born

To fight fires during this time, people would have used leather buckets, metal hooks and water squirts

The fire began in a bakery in Pudding Lane and lasted 4 days.

We know what happened during the fire because people back then wrote about it in letters and newspapers and art – for instance, Samuel Pepys wrote about it in his diary.

Understand why the fire was so big – 10 month drought, houses built from wood – very close together.

What was the impact of the fire? (homelessness, people never returned, houses made to be further apart and made from stone, an organised Fire Brigade was established, people began to insure their houses, city redesigned (Sir Christopher Wren).

### Big 5 Sticky Knowledge questions

1. What date did The Great Fire of London start?
2. Where did the fire start?
3. Write down three reasons why the fire spread?
4. How many days did the fire last for?
5. Write down 2 ways that London is different now?

### Key words

Pudding Lane, water squirts, leather buckets, metal hooks, human chain, Samuel Pepys, eyewitness crowding, drought, flammable, population, migration



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Caring, Creative, Confident

BLM link - Explore the ethnic diversity of London now and then (immigrants - (The Great Fire of London was blamed on 'popish' foreigners, as the Monument once stated.')