

The Great Fire of London

Significant Person

Samuel Pepys 1633-1703

Samuel kept a diary throughout the course of the fire. He documented the spread of the flames from his home across the River Thames. He informed King Charles that London was on fire. He buried cheese and wine in his garden which he intended to dig up after the fire as they were expensive items.



What I Should Know

1. The fire started on Sunday 2nd September 1666, in a bakery, in Pudding Lane, London.
2. Houses were made of wood so they burnt easily
3. Thomas Farriner, the baker, didn't put out the fire properly and went to bed.
4. The fire lasted 4 days and the wind made the spread of fire worse.
5. There was no fire brigade so people had to use leather buckets, full of water, to help to stop the fire.

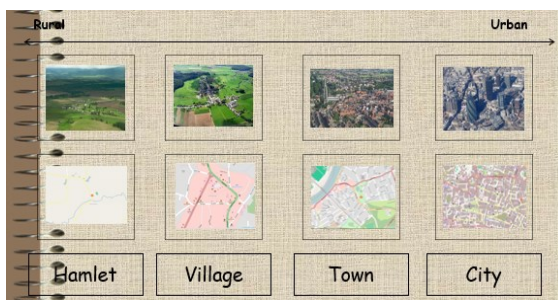
Books to read linked to our topic and writing genres:

Vlad and the Great Fire of London by Kate Cunningham

You wouldn't want to be in the Great Fire of London by Jim Pipe

The Baker's Boy and the Great Fire of London By Tom and Tony Bradman

We will be learning about settlement types.



Thoughtful Question

Did anything positive come as a result of the Great Fire of London?

(there will be a fitness certificate for anyone wishing to research this questions and bring us a detailed answer)

Descriptive Vocabulary - we would like children to use some of these Wow words in their writing.

Engulfed	Chaos	Searing
Destroyed	Panicking	Crackling
Disastrous	Scorching	Rapid
Destruction	Blazing	Terrified
Fiery	Consuming	
Flaming	Roasting	
Flickering	Sweltering	

Useful Websites

www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p03xsqnt

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VarSSAwiiMU>

www.fireoflondon.org.uk
(game)

