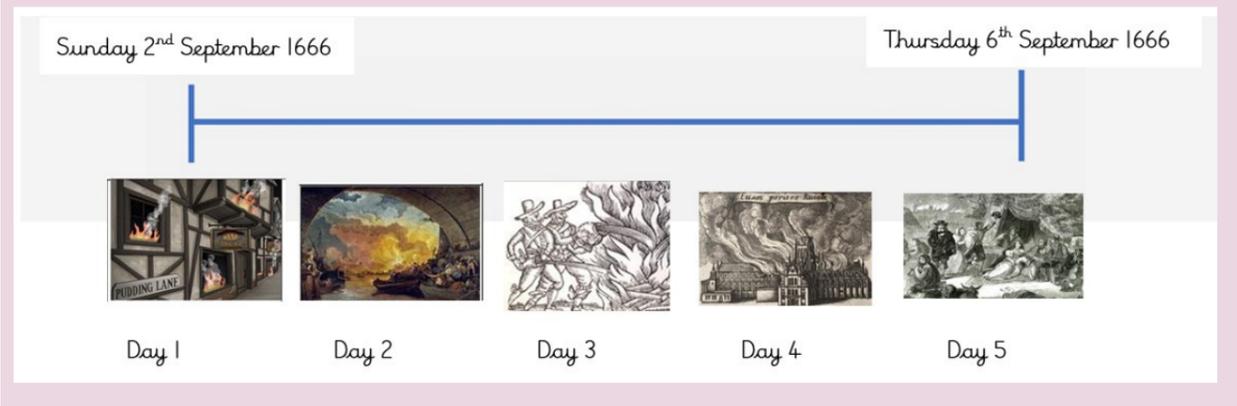


The Great Fire of London

What happened during the Great Fire of London?



When was the Great Fire of London and how did it start?

When: Sunday 2nd September 1666–Thursday 6th September 1666
How long: It lasted 5 days.
Where: London, in a bakery on Pudding Lane.
How did it start: The baker, Thomas Farriner, forgot to put out a fire.
How did it stop: The wind died down so people could create a fire break.

Why did the fire spread so quickly?

Houses were made of wood and straw.
 Houses were built very close together.
 Buildings were dry from a long, hot summer.
 It was very windy.

Vocabulary	Definition
eyewitness	Someone who sees an event as it happens.
information source	Ways we learn about the past. EG. Diary, paintings, books
artefacts	Objects used by people in the past.
diary	A book people write about their lives in.
past	Something that has already happened.
fire hook	An object used to pull houses down during the fire.
fire break	Creating a gap between buildings to stop the fire from spreading.
chronological order	A way to sequence events in the order they happened in.
timeline	A way of visualizing and sequencing events in chronological order.

What was London like in the past?

Houses were built out of wood and straw.
 Streets were very narrow.

What was used to try and stop the fire?

Fire hook
 Leather bucket
 Water squirt

What changed after the Great Fire of London?

St Pauls Cathedral was rebuilt after the fire.

- Houses rebuilt with stone and brick
 - Streets were made wider
- Fire services were introduced.

Who was Samuel Pepys and what did he do?

Samuel Pepys was an **eyewitness**.
 He wrote about the fire in his diary as it happened.

Thanks to Samuel Pepys, we have an idea of what happened during the fire.