

History Knowledge and Skills Organiser: The Great Fire of London

Important things I will know and understand

- The Great Fire of London was caused by several things (wind, summer weather, hygiene, narrow streets, buildings made of wood).
- The Great Fire of London lasted just under 5 days and one-third of the city was destroyed. 100,000 people were made homeless.
- After the fire there were many changes made in the rebuilding of London to prevent another fire.
- The diaries of Samuel Pepys have played a major part in our understanding of the events of the Great Fire of London..
- The monument in London is one way we commemorate the event to this day.
- The Great Fire helped to end the Plague in London by killing the rats and fleas which carried the disease.

Where we are studying: London the capital of England



Vocabulary

century	period of 100 years
destroyed	end of existence of something by damaging it
diary	a book in which people keep a daily record of events and experiences
disaster	a sudden accident or event that causes great damage
eye witness	a person who has seen something happen and can give a firsthand description of it
fire gap	a physical space that is created to prevent fire from spreading
fire hook	a tool used by firefighters to pull down buildings to stop fire spread
plague	disease affecting humans caused by being bitten by a rat
sources	something from which we can find out information about an event

St Paul's Cathedral in the fire



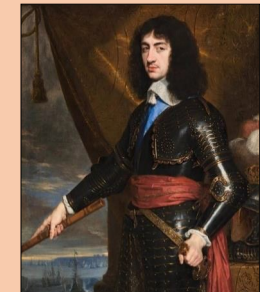
How I will know that I am thinking like a historian?

- Order the main events of the Great Fire of London.
- Use a variety of sources to find out about the event (paintings, diary extracts, information books).
- Know the cause of the Great Fire of London and how London changed as a result.
- Understand the significance of Samuel Pepys.
- Identify similarities and differences between the diary accounts of Samuel Pepys and John Evelyn about the Great Fire of London.
- Place events and people I know about in the past onto the same timeline as the Great Fire of London.



Samuel Pepys kept a diary of the events of the Great Fire of London

King Charles II



Timeline of events and people that I already know about

Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot (1605) - 400 years ago.

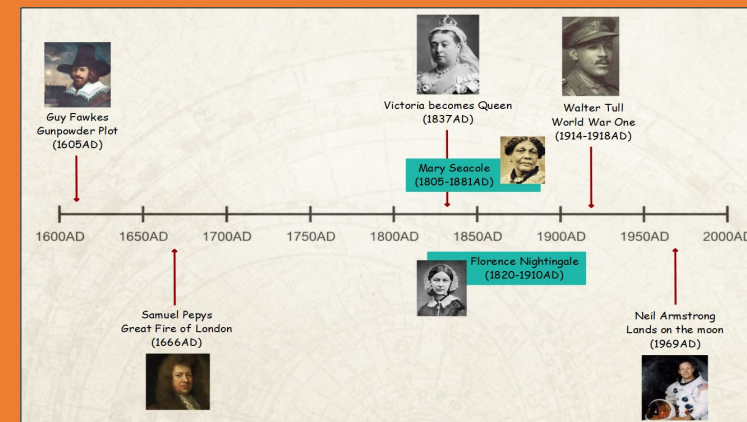
The Great Fire of London (1666) - 350 years ago.

Grace Darling (1838) lived around 200 years ago.

The First World War (1914-1918), Remembrance and Walter Tull - 100 years

The First Moon Landing (1969) - over 50 years ago.

London is affected by the pandemic (2020).



Time line of The Great Fire of London events

