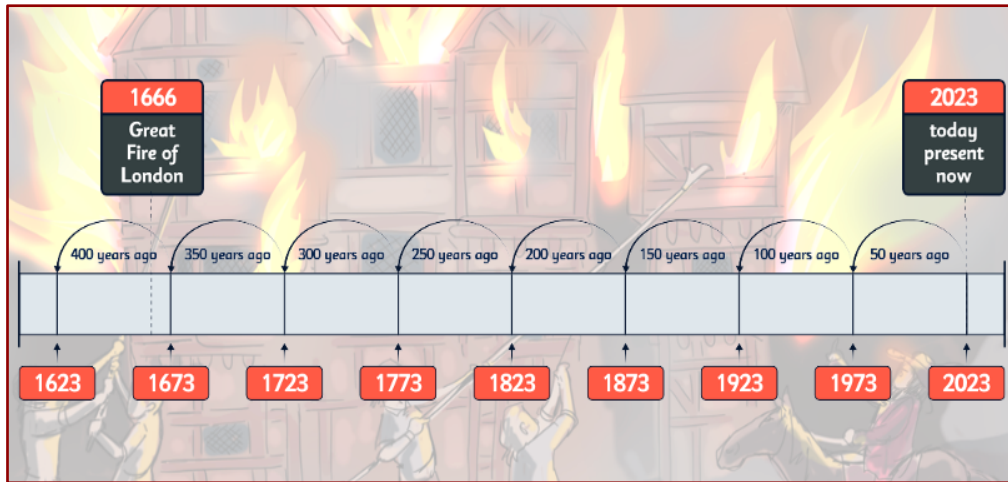


What were the causes and consequences of the Great Fire of London?

What I know already

- History is learning about what happened in the past.
- We learn about how people lived in the past, and important events that happened.
- I know that objects were made from different materials in the past.
- I know that the way people live does not stay the same – it changes over time.

Timeline





Key Vocabulary

beyond living memory, cause, consequence, London, Pudding Lane, River Thames, Thomas Farriner, leather buckets, water pump, fire hook, Samuel Pepys, Charles II, Christopher Wren, monument, St. Paul's Cathedral, fire brigade

How do we find out about the past?

We can find out about the past by:

- looking at non-fiction books and searching the internet 
- talking to people who were alive at the time, or reading what they wrote about the time.
- watching video clips about the time in history we want to find out about.
- visiting museums 
- looking at photographs
- looking at objects from the past

What was London like in 1666?

It was very different!

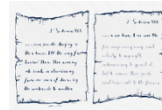
- The houses were made of **wood** and they were **built very close together**.
- There was **no fire brigade**, so people had to put fires out themselves.
- There were no telephones, cars or buses.



- The Great Fire of London started on **2nd September 1666** and lasted for four days.
- The fire started at **Thomas Farriner's** bakery on **Pudding Lane**, near the **River Thames**.
- It was a hot, dry, windy evening, perfect weather for a fire to spread.
- The wooden houses were built very close together, so the fire soon spread to other buildings.



- People tried to put the fire out with buckets of water.
- **King Charles II** helped too. He rewarded brave people with his own money.
- Buildings were blown up and cleared in front of the fire to stop it spreading.
- Not many people died because they crossed the river to a place where the fire could not reach them.



- **Samuel Pepys** wrote about the fire in his diary. He wanted to keep a record of what happened.
- Lots of houses and important buildings in London were destroyed, like **St. Paul's Cathedral**.

What were the consequences of the Great Fire of London?

- Fire destroyed one quarter of the city. It took 50 years to re-build these areas.
- Christopher Wren designed lots of important buildings (St. Paul's Cathedral, and a 'Monument' to the fire).
- The streets were made wider and the buildings were made out of brick and stone.



- Fire brigades were formed all over the city, but people had to pay to have a fire put out.
- The first 'free' fire brigade in London was formed two hundred years later.

