

Vocabulary:

bakery	A shop where bread is sold.
firebreak	A strip of open space that a fire cannot burn in.
rebuilt	Building something again after it has been broken or destroyed.
River Thames	The river that runs through the middle of London.
St Paul's Cathedral	A very large church in London. St Paul's cathedral was one of many important buildings designed by Sir Christopher Wren after the Great Fire.
17 th century	From the year 1601 to 1700. The great Fire of London happened in the 17 th century, in 1666.

King Charles II - 1630 - 1685. Charles II became King of England, Scotland and Ireland in 1649, but spent 11 years in exile. He returned to Britain in 1660 and was coronated in 1661 at Westminster Abbey. He organised firefighting teams during the Great Fire and took the decision to quickly demolish buildings to create a fire break.

Samuel Pepys - 1633 - 1703. Samuel Pepys rose through the ranks of the Navy and became Chief Secretary to the Admiralty. His diary gives a first-hand account of many important events of the time, including the Great Plague and the Great Fire of London.

Sir Christopher Wren - 1632 - 1723. Christopher Wren was an accomplished architect and scientist. He designed 51 new churches in London, including the magnificent St. Paul's Cathedral. He was also a professor of astronomy and one of the founders of an important scientific institution, the Royal Society.



Key Questions:

- Where did the Great Fire of London start?
- Why did the fire spread so quickly?
- How was the fire put out?
- When was the London Fire Brigade formed?

Key Facts:

- The Great Fire of London raged for four days in 1666, destroying much of the city and leaving some 100,000 people homeless.
- After the fire, many buildings were rebuilt. King Charles II ordered that buildings were built further apart and made of stone to make sure the fire could not happen again so easily.
- Between 1671 and 1677, a memorial to the Great Fire was built, design by Sir Christopher Wren and Robert Hooke. It is called the Monument and stands 61.5 m tall and 61.5m away from where the fire started.

