

# Year 1- The Great Fire of London 1666

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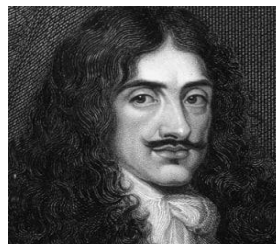
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Samuel Pepys



King Charles II



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## Vocabulary

|                |                                                                                                                   |
|----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Bakery         | A shop where bread and cakes are made.                                                                            |
| Ember          | Small pieces of glowing coal or wood in a dying fire                                                              |
| Eyewitness     | A person who saw an event and can therefore describe it.                                                          |
| Fire Break     | When buildings are destroyed to make a break so the fire can't spread to the next building.                       |
| Fire Hooks     | Giant hooks used to pull houses down.                                                                             |
| Flammable      | Something that burns easily.                                                                                      |
| Gun Powder     | Explosive powder used to blow up building.                                                                        |
| Leather Bucket | Leather is a material and was what buckets were made from before plastic was invented.                            |
| London         | The capital city of England and the United Kingdom.                                                               |
| Oven           | Where food is cooked. Today we use gas or electricity to heat ovens but in 1666 they burnt wood to heat the oven. |
| Thatched roof  | Dried straw tied tightly together and laid on the roof of a building.                                             |

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1666

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3rd September  
1666

Firefighters tackle the fire but it spread quickly.

## Great Fire of London Timeline

3rd September  
1666

People carry their possessions on boats across the River Thames.

4th

September  
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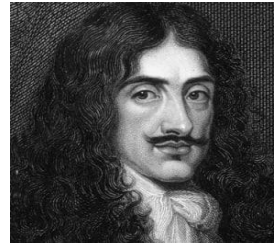
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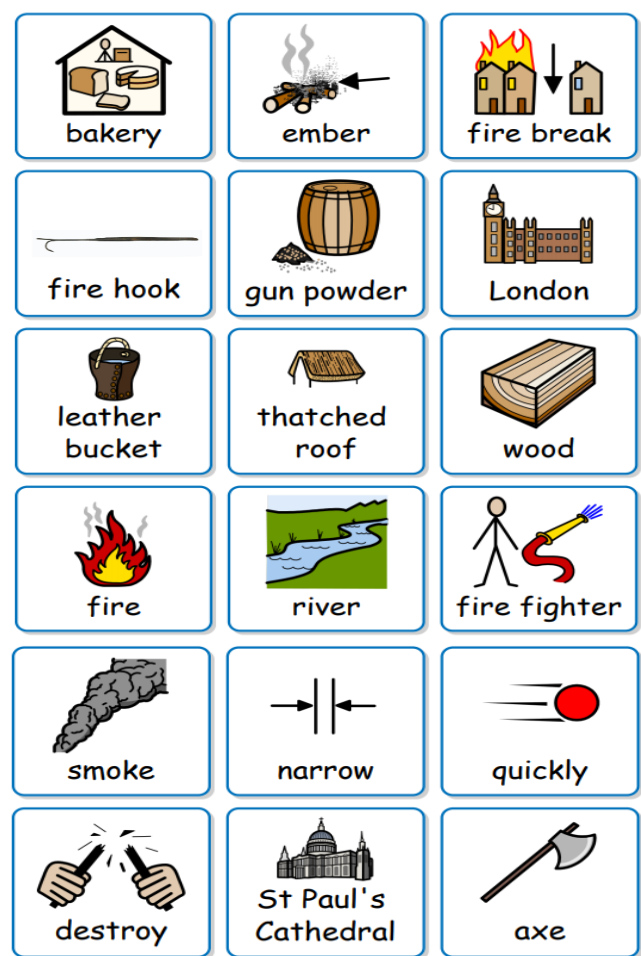
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## Rights and Global Goals

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| Global Goals | 6-Clean water and sanitation<br>11- Sustainable Cities and Communities                                      |                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                      |
| Rights       |  <p>MAKING RIGHTS REAL</p> |  <p>HEALTH, WATER, FOOD, ENVIRONMENT</p> |  <p>FOOD, CLOTHING, A SAFE HOME</p> |

## Prior Learning

Danger of fire/candles

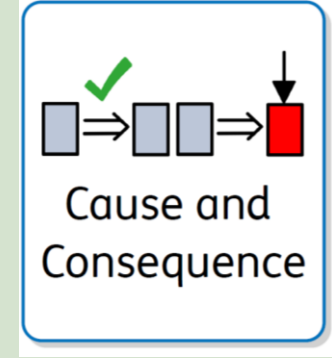
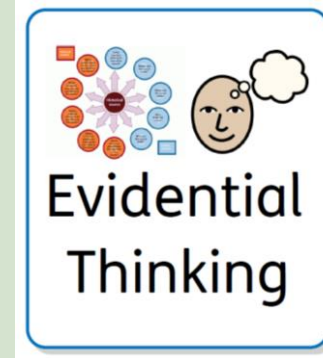
What is a capital city?

Where and what is London?

Timelines



## Big Ideas



## National Treasures

London  
 Monument of remembrance.  
 Fire service  
 St Pauls Cathedral

