



# The Great Fire of London

The Great Fire of London started in a bakery in Pudding Lane on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1666. The fire lasted for 4 days and destroyed around 70 thousand houses.



A painting of The Great Fire of London

## Stuart London

The king in 1666 was King Charles II. The Great Fire of London took place in the Stuart period of British history. In Stuart London, many houses were made of wood and had **thatched** roofs. The **cobbled** streets were **narrow** and winding and would have been crowded and dirty.

## Fighting the fire

People tried to put out the fire using buckets of water and water squirts. This did not work because the fire was spreading so quickly. They created **fire breaks** using fire hooks and gun powder to stop the fire spreading.

fire hook



leather bucket

## Key vocabulary

<b>cobbled</b>	A floor or pavement covered with small, flat stones.
<b>fire breaks</b>	Gaps between houses to stop fire from spreading.
<b>narrow</b>	A space that is not very wide with a little amount of room.
<b>thatched</b>	A covering for roofs made of dried plants such

## Samuel Pepys

Samuel Pepys is famous for writing a diary about the events during the fire.



## Time line

The Great Fire of London took place in 1666, which was around 350 years ago.



1666  
The Great Fire of London



1837-1901  
Victorian era



2015  
First British astronaut (Tim Peake) launched to the International Space Station



Present day