



Brookside Primary School Knowledge Organiser

Year 1/2 HISTORY

The Great Fire of London

Cycle B - Summer B

When was the Great Fire of London?

The fire started in Pudding Lane in 1666.	1666 is approximately 350 years ago.	Samuel Pepys wrote in his diary about it.	The fire spread very quickly.	Many buildings were destroyed.	The fire was finally put out 4 days later.

What was London like before the Great Fire of London?

Houses were made of wood and straw and pitch.	Houses were built very close together.	People used fire for heating, lighting and cooking.	Hygiene was poor and the plague killed thousands of people.	There was no fire service and no fire engines.

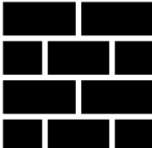
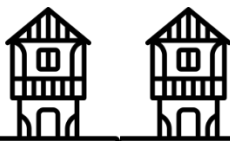



Why did the fire cause so much destruction?

Houses made of flammable materials burnt easily.	Houses built close together allowed the fire to spread.	London was full of sheds filled with hay and straw.	It had been a long hot summer with very little rain.	It was very windy when the fire started.

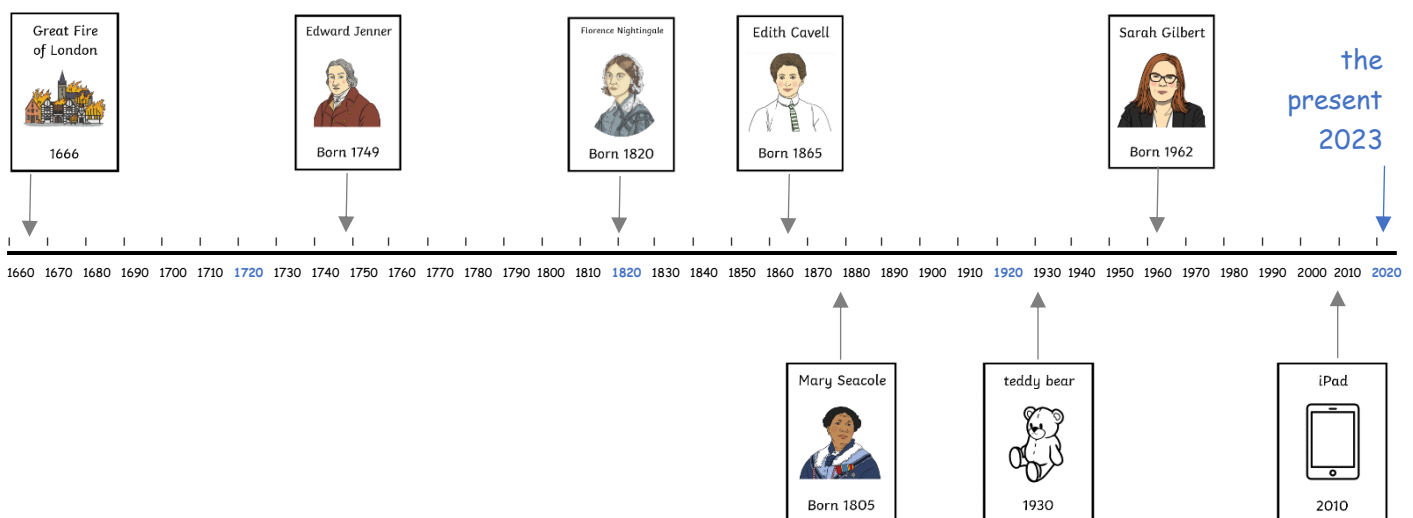
How do we know what happened during the Great Fire of London?

diaries	letters	newspapers	paintings	monument	reliable sources









How did London change after the Great Fire of London?

				
Houses were made of bricks or stone with tiled roofs.	Streets were wider and houses were built further apart.	The fire helped to get rid of the plague.	The first fire brigade was established.	A monument was built to celebrate rebuilding London.

Timeline



Vocabulary

	citizens	the people who live or used to live in London
	diary	a recount written by someone describing events
	flammable	an adjective describing something that sets fire easily
	London	the capital city of England
	monument	a statue erected to commemorate an important event
	pitch	a highly flammable material used to cover houses
	the plague	a disease spread by rats (1665 - 1666)
	thatched roof	a roof made from straw