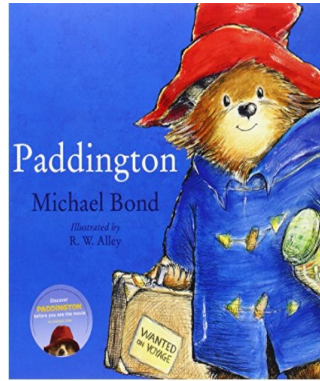


Bonfire Night and The Great Fire

Vocabulary

treason	is when a person acts against his country. For example, Guy Fawkes
plot	a plan made in secret by a group of people to do something illegal or harmful.
Catholic	Members of the Catholic church.
Protestant	Christians who are not Catholic.
eyewitness	A person who has seen something and can give a description of it
diary	A book that people write about their lives in.
fire-hooks	Giant hooks used to pull down houses
fire-break	When buildings are destroyed to make a gap so the fire can't spread
Stuart period	after the family name of the king at the time – King James I.
bakery	A place that makes bread, cakes, etc.
Sources of evidence	Inform us of past events, this can include letters, stories, objects and images. (There were no photographs at this time)

Paddington



Key knowledge

When and where did the fire start? The fire started on Sunday 2nd September 1666 in Thomas Farriner's bakery on Pudding Lane

Why did the fire start? The fires used for baking were not put out properly.

Why did the fire spread so quickly? In 1666, the buildings in London were made of wood and straw and they were very close together, making it easy for the flames to spread. It had also been a dry summer, so the buildings were dry. Strong winds were blowing, which helped the flames to spread.

How did people try to put the fire out? People used leather buckets and water squirts to try to put the fire out, but these did not work. Later in the week, King Charles II ordered buildings to be pulled down to stop the flames from spreading.

Diagrams

Timeline of Events

Tuesday 4th September 1666
St Paul's Cathedral is destroyed by the fire.

Thursday 6th September 1666
The fire is finally put out.
Thousands of people are left homeless.

Wednesday 5th September 1666
The wind dies down and the fire spreads more slowly.

Monday 3rd September 1666
The fire gets very close to the Tower of London.

Sunday 2nd September 1666
The fire starts at 1 a.m.
Mid-morning: Samuel Pepys starts to write about the fire in his diary.

