



## The Great Fire of London



### Where and when did it start?

It began on **2 September 1666** and lasted just under five days.

The fire started at 1am on Sunday morning in Thomas Farriner's bakery on Pudding Lane and went on until Thursday.

One-third of London was destroyed and about 100,000 people were made homeless.

### Useful Vocabulary

bakery

Samuel Pepys

diary

Stuarts

smoke

flammable

monument

spread

destroyed

thatched roof

### Who was Samuel Pepys?

Samuel Pepys was a gentleman and worked for the king.



He wrote it in a special code so that it was a secret diary.

He used a feather and ink.

### Why did the fire spread so quickly?

The houses were made from wood and had thatched roofs.

The streets were very narrow and the houses built very close together.

There were very high winds.

There were no fire engines and the people had to use buckets of water from the River Thames to put the flames out.

Houses had to be pulled down to stop the fire spreading.

