

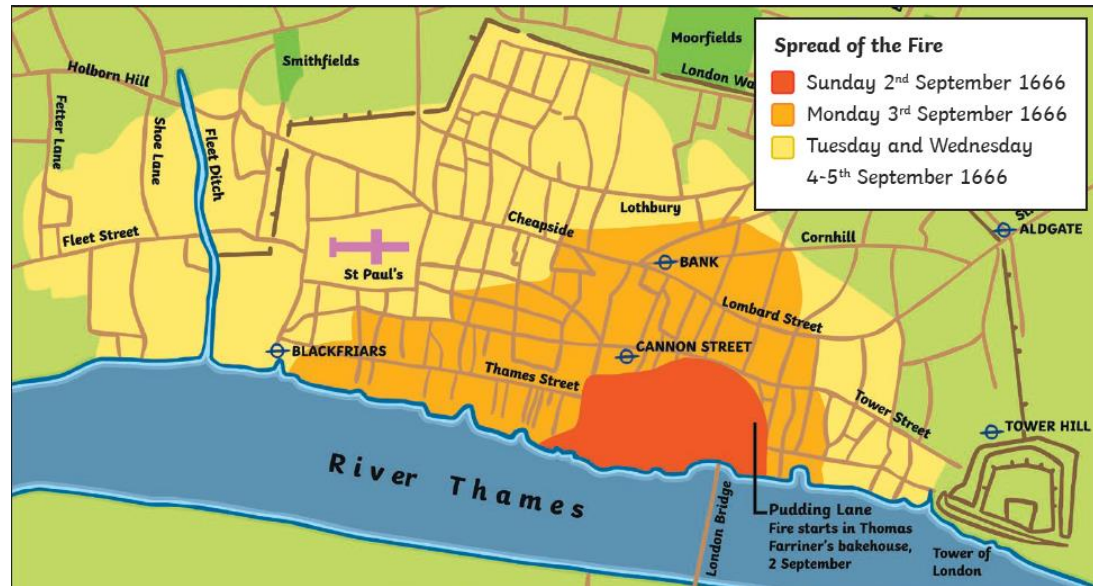
Ring-a-Ring o' Roses Knowledge Organiser

Sticky Knowledge:

- The Great Fire of London started on 2nd September 1666 and lasted for four days.
- The fire began in Thomas Farriner's bakery on Pudding Lane.
- The fire spread so quickly because the buildings were made of wood and straw and they were very close together, making it easy for flames to spread. It had been a dry summer, so the buildings were dry. Strong winds were blowing, which helped the flames to spread.
- To fight fires people would use leather buckets, metal hooks and water squirts, but this didn't work.
- Later in the week, King Charles II ordered buildings to be pulled down to stop the flames from spreading.
- King Charles II ordered that buildings should be rebuilt from brick or stone and that streets should be made wider. This was to stop another fire from spreading.
- We know what happened during the fire because people wrote about it in letters, newspapers and art. Samuel Pepys wrote about it in his diary.

Key words

Bakery	A place where bread or cakes are made or sold
London	The capital city of England.
River Thames	River in London. Many people got a boat on the river to escape the fire.
Diary	A book that people write about their lives in.
Eye-witness	A person who has seen something and can give a description of it.
Flammable	Something that burns easily.
St Paul's Cathedral	A very large church that burned down in the fire. It was then rebuilt.
Samuel Pepys	Wrote a diary about the Great Fire of London.
Rebuilt	Building something again after it's been broken or destroyed.



Monday 3rd September 1666

The fire gets very close to the Tower of London.

Tuesday 4th September 1666

St Paul's Cathedral is destroyed by the fire.

Timeline of Events

Sunday 2nd September 1666

The fire starts at around 1 a.m.
Mid-morning: Samuel Pepys starts to write about the fire in his **diary**.

Wednesday 5th September 1666

The wind dies down and the fire spreads more slowly.

Thursday 6th September 1666

The fire is finally put out.
Thousands of people are left homeless.