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Spring 2
Term

The Great Fire of London
London's Burning, London's Burning
Fetch the Engine, Fetch the Engine
Fire Fire, Fire Fire
Pour on Water, Por on Water



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 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.

Key Knowledge

The fire started in a baker's shop in Pudding Lane, London on Sunday 2nd September 1666. The fires for baking had not been put out properly. The fire spread quickly because buildings were made of wood and built close together. It was also very windy which helped the flames to spread. People used leather buckets of water to try to put it out. King Charles II ordered buildings to be pulled down to stop the fire spreading. Samuel Pepys wrote about it in his diary. Christopher Wren designed many of the buildings in London that were built after the fire.



Christopher Wren



King Charles II



Samuel Pepys

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