

Worksheet: Key facts

Here are some key facts about what happened during the Great Fire of London in 1666.

- The fire started in Pudding Lane, in the shop of the King's baker, Thomas Farrinor.
- The fire destroyed one third of the city of London.
- The fire began on the morning of 2nd September 1666.
- London Bridge and St Paul's Cathedral were both burnt in the fire.
- King Charles II ordered that shops and houses should be pulled down to stop the fire from spreading.
- 100,000 people were made homeless by the fire.
- Thomas Farrinor did not put out the fire that heated his oven. Sparks from the oven fell onto dry flour sacks covering the floor. This is what started the Great Fire of London.
- Water-bearers helped to put out the fire.
- Lots of people left the city whilst it was burning. Some people even buried their belongings to save them from the fire.