Key Vocabulary	
bakery	A shop where bread is made and sold.
diary	A book that people write about their lives in.
St Paul's Cathedral	A very large church in London. St Paul's Cathedral was rebuilt by Sir Christopher Wren after the fire.
17 th century	From the year 1601 to 1700. The Great Fire of London happened in the 17 th century, in 1666.
rebuilt	Building something again after it has been broken or destroyed.
event	A thing that happens or takes place, especially one of importance.
monument	A statue, building, or other structure to commemorate a notable person or event.
century	100 years.







History detectives

Samuel Pepy's diary

water squirter

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Key Learning

There is a monument in London (near Pudding Lane) that commemorates the Great Fire of London. A large part of London burnt down (70,000 houses) and 6 people died. This is a significant event.

GFOL happened in 1666. It began on 2nd September in Pudding Lane in a baker's shop and lasted for 4 days. There was no fire brigade so it was hard to put the fire out.

Started in a bakery that used fire to bake bread, weather was dry and windy, buildings were made out of wood and were built close together.

Lots is known about the events in the Great Fire of London because of a man called Samuel Pepys who wrote a diary to keep a record of the time.

The City of London was rebuilt, but many of the roads stayed in the same places. Some buildings survived.

The City of London is still an important part of London and lots of the important buildings there were rebuilt, like St Paul's Cathedral.

Timeline of Events

Tuesday 4th September 1666

St Paul's Cathedral is destroyed by the fire.



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.

Monday 3rd September 1666

The fire gets very close to the Tower of London.

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.