

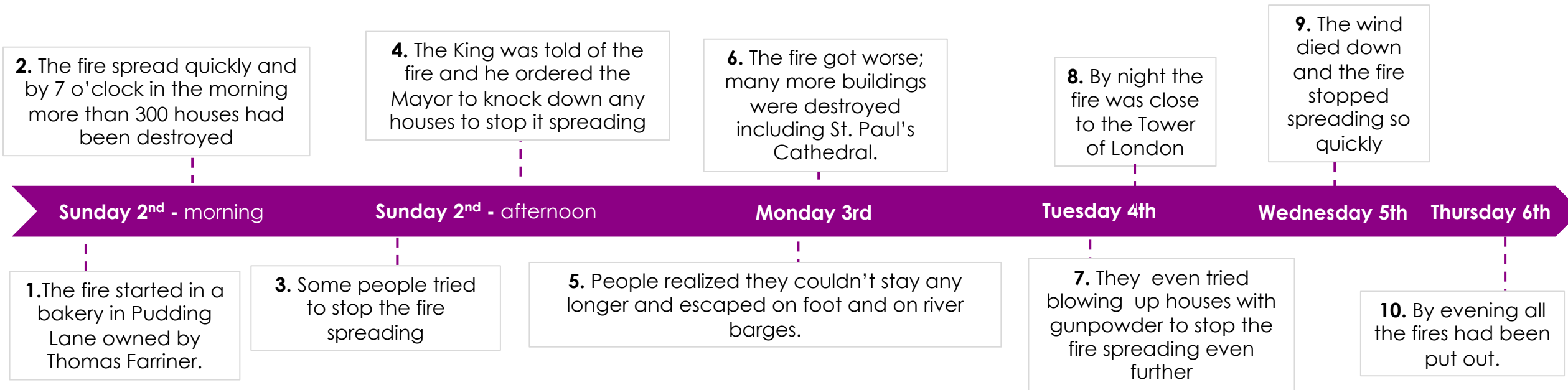
Keystage history

Knowledge organiser

The Great Fire of London



The Great Fire of London – timeline September 1666



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Why is this event important?

The Great Fire of 1666 is an event that most people know about today not least because it changed the face of London as we know it today. It provides a marvellous opportunity to explore ideas of causes and consequences, as well as change, and encourages children to get a feel for what life must have been like at the time, using a rich array of evidence.



Key vocabulary



Cathedral Very large church



Diary Book in which people write about things that happen in their life



Evidence Clues used to prove that something happened



Pitch/Tar Thick black sticky liquid that easily catches fire



Plaque Writing to remember where something happened in the past



Squirts Old-fashioned water carrier when you push the handle water shoots out



Thatch Straw used to cover the roofs which easily catches alight



Warehouse Large storehouse

Who is who?

Duke of York	The brother of the King who helped give orders to stop the fire spreading
King Charles II	The King at the time.
Samuel Pepys	Famous man who kept a diary of everything that happened
Thomas Bludworth/Bloodworth	He was the mayor of London who did not take warnings about the fire seriously enough at the start.
Thomas Farriner/Farynor	The baker who lived in Pudding lane. A spark from his ovens started the Fire.

Top takeaways

1. Children understand how a small event, with a careless baker in a short narrow lane, can lead to a major rebuilding of vast areas of the capital.
2. They are able to explain that there were a variety of reasons for the fire and can suggest the most important ones.
3. They are able to describe the desperate measures taken to control the fire and can explain how Londoners felt at the time.
4. They can explain how the appearance of London changed after the Fire both the houses and the street layout and that the fire led to better fire service.

Map of Fire of London

