

Year 1/2 The Great Fire of London Year B Autumn Term



Block Rational:				Subject Links:			
Children will explore the events surrounding the Great Fire of London. The				Geography – UK Location Knowledge			
investigation begins with the children finding out how and why the fire started,							
before moving on to consider the speed of the spread and whether more could				This unit touches on significant individuals which leads into a more specific study			
have been done. Finally, children consider the impact that this event had at the				in the following term.			
time, as well as discovering the impact on Modern day London.							
Key Texts:				Fieldwork/Practical Opportunities:			
GREAT FIRE CONDON				Building opportunities -construct houses of the time and use to make a map of London streets. Visit by/to a Fire Station.			
Database Turns or to later have a 160							
Links to Prior Learning: EYFS				Links to Future Learning: Y3/4			
Vocabulary of the past				Different interpretations of evidence			
 Understanding of chronological order 				Historical enquiry skills			
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				Achievements of individuals.			
Steps to Learning							End Point:
How can we work out	What actually	Why did the Great	Could more	have	How did people	How shall we rebuild	What happened
why the Great Fire	happened during the	Fire burn down so	been done to stop		manage to live	London?	during the Great Fire
started?	Great Fire and how	many buildings?	the Fire?	•	through the Great		of London and what
	can we know for sure				Fire?		impact has it had on
	350 years later?						modern day?



Cause and consequence



Chronological understanding



Interpretations



Substantive Concepts:

Monarchy

Key Vocabulary:

Samuel Pepys Pudding Lane

London Smoke
Fire Water
Bakery Burning
Ignite Lord Mayor
Leather Bucket River Thames
King Charles II September

National Curriculum:

Pupils should be taught about:

* events beyond living memory that are significant nationally or globally [for example, the Great Fire of London, the first aeroplane flight or events commemorated through festivals or anniversaries]

Sticky Knowledge:

Firebreak

- The Great Fire of London happened in 1666.
- The fire started in a bakery on Pudding Lane.
- Buildings were close together and often made of wood, meaning that the fire spread quickly.

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- For many years after the fire, buildings were rebuilt further apart and made with stone.
- Sir Christopher Wren created a new design for St Paul's Cathedral, which was then rebuilt.

Home Learning Opportunities:

Build a fire at home, and toast marshmallows – use this as an opportunity to talk about what a fire needs and how to stay safe. Link with learning about the Great fire of London.

