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The Great Fire of London

What caused the Great Fire of London to spread so quickly and could this have happened in Northwich?

Key Words	Meaning
Eyewitness reports	A first-person account of an event that they witnessed. They were there at the time it happened.
Compare	When you look at 2 things and decide if they are the same or different
Contrast	To say what is different about 2 things
Century	One hundred years ago—100

I can describe why the Great Fire of London spread so quickly and how buildings have changed as a result of this.

The fire started on Sunday 2nd September 1666 in Thomas Farriner's bakery on Pudding Lane.

The fires used for baking bread were not put out properly.

In 1666, the buildings in London were made of wood and straw and they were built very close together, making it easy for the flames to spread.

It had also been a dry summer, so the buildings were dry. Strong winds blew which helped the flames to spread.

People used leather buckets and water squirts to try to put the fire out, but these did not work.

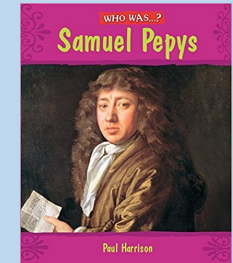
Later in the week, King Charles II ordered buildings to be pulled down to stop the flames from spreading.

More thought went into the rebuilding of London after the fire.

I can describe what we know about the Great Fire of London using sources of evidence

In 1666 people wrote information down in letters and newspapers.

Samuel Pepys wrote about the fire in his diary.



Artists in 1666 painted pictures of London before and after the fire. These pictures help us to understand what it would have looked like if we had of been there.

