



Paganel Primary School – Spring Term Knowledge Organiser

Year Group: Year 2 **Topic: The Great Fire of London**

Prior knowledge - Year 1 knowledge which will support the children during this topic:

To understand the key parts of a story about a major historical figure.

To name and describe important places and landmarks.

To know what a significant individual did, and describe why they did it.

The ability to retell a past event from their own lives.

Key Knowledge developed during this topic:

The four capital cities of the countries that make up the UK are London, Edinburgh, Cardiff and Belfast.

London in the 1600s was a very tough place to live, due to poverty, lack of education and disease. The Black Death was still killing people when the Great Fire took place.

The Great Fire is believed to have started in a bakery in Pudding Lane, and many things then contributed to it spreading – such as wooden buildings, strong winds and rubbish on the streets.

Much of London was destroyed and rebuilt, including famous buildings like St. Paul's Cathedral, Bridewall Palace, The Royal Exchange and Castle Baynard.

Much of what we know about the Great Fire is due to a diary written by Samuel Pepys.

Key Vocabulary

Spelling	Definition/Sentence
London	Capital city of England.
Wattle	Weaved sticks used in wall building.
Daub	Mixture of mud and manure used to cover wattle.
River	A large natural stream of flowing water.
Cathedral	The main church of an area.
Plague	Contagious disease that spreads rapidly and kills many people.
Redevelopment	Construction of new buildings after old ones were demolished.
Peasant	A poor person or worker.
Poverty	Being extremely poor.
Monarchy	A type of government ruled by a king or queen.
Bakery	Where bread is made.
Thatch	A roof covering of straw.
Rubble	Waste pieces of brick left after a building is demolished.
Cart	A vehicle with two or four wheels, pulled by a horse.
Monument	A statue or building built to remember a person or event.

Images and Diagrams

River Thames



King Charles II



Samuel Pepys



Pudding Lane



London

