



Explorers Autumn Term 2 – Fire! Fire!

Overview, Vocabulary and Sticky Knowledge



What do I already know?

In Little Explorers, I learned that...

- The emergency services are made up of the groups of people who help us; Firefighters, Police and the Ambulance service. (Explore the future)
- The British Royal Family live in Buckingham Palace in London.

In Big Explorers, I learned that...

- The UK is an island made up of 4 countries: England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.
- England's Capital city is London; Scotland's capital city is Edinburgh; Wales's capital city is Cardiff and Northern Ireland's capital city is Belfast.

What will I learn about?

- When and where did The Great Fire start?
- Why did The Great Fire begin?
- Why did the fire spread so quickly?
- How and when was the fire put out?

Key Vocabulary

Challenging vocabulary.

scorch
stench debris
consumed fuming
plague cunning
poverty flammable

Words to learn.

Houses of Parliament explosion
plot gunpowder possessions terrace
cramped timber thatched fumes
scorched History Thames extinguish
United Kingdom capital city

Words I should understand.

fire station uniform celebration helmet spread
alarm bonfire firework blaze fireman blanket hose
fire extinguisher fire smoke bakery London

Sticky Knowledge:

- The fire started on Sunday 2nd September 1666 in Thomas Farriner's bakery on Pudding Lane.
- The fires used for baking were not put out properly.
- In 1666, the buildings in London were made of wood and straw. They made it very easy for the flames to spread.
- Because it had been a dry summer, and the wind blew strongly, and houses/ buildings were so close together, the flames spread quickly.
- People used leather buckets and water squirts to try and put the fire out – these did not work!
- King Charles II ordered buildings to be pulled out to stop the fire.
- By Thursday 6th September, the wind had become less strong so people could put the flames out.
- Samuel Pepys became famous for writing a diary all about his experiences during the fire.

