Y1 History Knowledge Organiser – The Great Fire of London(1666)

Vocabulary			
1	Pudding Lane	The street where the fire started in 1666.	
2	London	Capital city of the United Kingdom	
3	The River Thames	River that flows Through London city.	
4	St Paul's Cathedral	This cathedral was burnt to the ground. It was rebuilt after the fire.	
5	Thomas Farriner	Owned the bakery where the fire started.	
6	diary	a book which a person writes about what they have seen or heard or what they have been doing.	
7	Samuel Pepys	He wrote a diary about the fire.	
8	King Charles	The king at the time of the fire.	
9	rebuild	To build something again after it has been damaged or destroyed.	

Key knowledge		
1	The Great Fire of London was caused by a spark from the oven in a bakery.	
2	The fire spread quickly because the wooden houses were very close together.	
3	There was no fire brigade so people had to put the fire out using buckets of water.	
4	It is thanks to Samuel's diaries that we know lots about important events from the past.	
5	Modern London has tall buildings made of brick.	

Timeline of the events

September 2nd
The fire began around
three in the morning.
It started on Pudding
Lane, inside a
bakery.

September 2nd
By seven in the
morning, around 300
houses and several
churches had
burnt down.

September 2nd
The Lord mayor refuses
to do anything, as it
would end up costing
the city too much
money.

September 6th
With thanks to a change
in the weather,
the King and
his men get the fire
under control so it stops.

September 3rd to 5th
The fire rages, burning
most of London.
Everyone is left with
just the belongings they
could carry.

September 2nd
Samuel Pepys goes to
see the King of England
to demand action is
taken to slow the fire
down from spreading.