Knowledge Organiser – History – The Great Fire of London

Key Vocabulary	
bakery	A shop where bread is made and sold.
diary	A book that people write about their lives in.
architect	A person who designs building.
firehook	Long hooks used to pull down buildings or parts of buildings that were on fire.
river Thames	The river that runs through the middle of London.

Key People

Samuel Pepys	**King Charles II**	**Sir Christopher Wren**
Kept a diary recording the events of the fire.	Ordered the houses to be pulled down during the fire.	Architect who designed new buildings in London.

Key Knowledge	
When was the Great Fire of London?	The Great Fire of London started on Sunday 2nd September 1666 and ended on Thursday 6th September 1666.
Where did the fire start?	The fire started in a bakery on Pudding Lane.
Why did the fire spread so quickly?	In 1666, the buildings in London were very close together and many were made of wood and had straw roofs.
What happened after the fire?	After the fire, many buildings were rebuilt. King Charles ll ordered that buildings were built further apart and made of stone to make sure the fire could not happen again so easily.

<u>Monument</u>

Designed by Sir Christopher Wren to remember the events of 1666.

Timeline of Events

Sunday 2nd September 1666
The fire starts at around 1 a.m.
Mid-morning: Samuel Pepys starts to write about the fire in his diary.

Monday 3rd September 1666
The fire gets very close to the Tower of London.

Tuesday 4th September 1666
St Paul's Cathedral is destroyed by the fire.

Wednesday 5th September 1666
The wind dies down and the fire spreads more slowly.

Thursday 6th September 1666
The fire is finally put out.
Thousands of people are left homeless.