

# Great Fire of London



The Great Fire of London started in **Pudding Lane**.  
It burned for **nearly five days**.

People only had basic equipment to put the fire out.

The fire spread uncontrollably because:

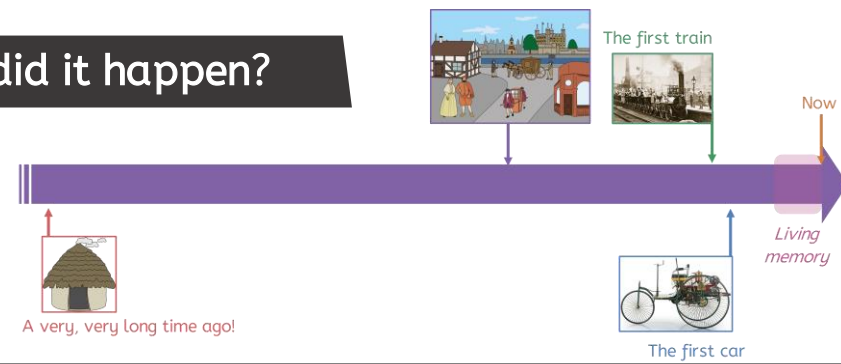
- Houses were built **very close together** and made **of wood**
- There was **no fire service**
- There had **not been much rain** that summer
- The Lord Mayor **did not act straight away**, so the fire had more time to grow.
- A **strong wind** was blowing.



After the fire, people:

- Rebuilt buildings from stone and brick, and kept more space between them.
- Built a monument to the fire (picture).
- Set up the first fire services.

## When did it happen?



## Key vocabulary

- **flammable**: (adjective) describing something that is easily set on fire
- **impact**: (noun) something that happens because of something else
- **long-term**: (adjective) describing something that happens over a long time
- **Lord Mayor**: (Noun) the person who was in charge of London, like the mayor today
- **monument**: (noun) something that is built to help people remember or celebrate an event
- **short-term**: (adjective) describing something that happens quickly, over a short term
- **trigger**: (noun) something that causes an event to happen

