



Tier 2 Vocabulary

- Condition: (noun) the situation that something or someone one is in
- Flammable: (adjective) to describe something that is easily set on fire
- Infer: (verb) to reason that something is true from the information you have
- Pandemic: (noun) a disease that affects a whole country or the whole world

Tier 3 Vocabulary

- Firebreak: (noun) something that will stop a fire spreading, either an open space or a physical barrier
- **Jetty:** (noun) an upper floor of a building that is larger than, and so juts out over, the lower floor(s)
- Jettying: (noun) the technique of having upper floors larger than lower floors
- **Pitch:** (noun) a flammable substance that was layered on to homes to keep them waterproof
- **Primary source:** (noun) a source that was created by someone who experienced the time first-hand
- Raker: (noun) someone who was employed to clear the streets of waste
- **Secondary source:** (noun) a source about a period in history that was created by someone who did not experience it first-hand
- •Source: (noun) the items that give us information about the past



The Great Fire of London

Before the Great Fire of London...

- London's buildings were mostly made out of wood and pitch (flammable substances) and built very close together
- A pandemic known as the Great Plague was infecting and killing many people in London
- The streets were very cramped and dirty, and sewers were often open and overflowing!



- Started in Thomas Farriner's bakery on Pudding Lane, on Sunday 2 September 1666
- · Spread quickly because of the windy conditions, and the facts that flammable wooden houses were close together
- Was not put out straight away because there was no fire service, and it was difficult to transport water from the river to the fire



- 100,000 people were homeless, because 13,200 homes had been destroyed
- 6 people were reported to have died (though in reality this was much more)
- King Charles II ordered that new homes be built out of stone and brick, with more space in between them
- · As London was rebuilt, streets were replanned with more space and sewers that were bigger and underground
- The Great Plague had all but disappeared, as the fire killed many of the rats who had helped to spread the disease

