



**Key Knowledge**

- The Fire of London happened over 350 years ago.
- The fire started in 1666 and lasted for 4 days.
- At the time the monarch was King Charles II.

**The fire spread so quickly because;**

- Buildings were mostly made from wood, straw and pitch.
- These materials are all highly flammable.
- People used fire to cook and for light.
- Buildings were close together.
- The previous Summer had been very hot and there had been very little rain.

**How the fire was stopped;**

- They tried to stop the fire by pulling down houses (called a fire-break).
- The River Thames stopped the fire spreading to the South.

**After the fire;**

- Houses were rebuilt with bricks instead of wood.
- Sir Christopher Wren designed a monument to remember the Great Fire of London.

**Keywords**

- **Cathedral**—a large Christian church.
- **constructed**— putting something together/building.
- **destroyed**— something that is damaged so badly it cannot be fixed.
- **escaping**— getting away from something dangerous.
- **extinguish**— to put out a fire.
- **flammable**—a material that can set on fire.
- **monarch**— the King or Queen.
- **monument**— art that is built out of different materials.
- **pitch**—a material used on roofs, to stop water (highly flammable).

