

Ellie's Social Studies / History Corner: The Great Fire of London

Join Ellie the Elephant on a trip back in time to discover the story of the Great Fire!

- The fire started a long time ago in a small bakery on a street called Pudding Lane.
- In the year 1666, London looked very different to how it looks today.
- Most houses at that time were made of wood and had thatched roofs, which caught fire easily.
- People had to use buckets of water and long hooks to try and stop the flames from spreading.
- After the fire, the King decided that new houses should be built out of brick or stone to keep everyone safe.
- The Great Fire changed London forever and led to the city we explore today.

Did you know? Did you know? Because the houses in London were made of wood and built very close together, the fire spread much faster than anyone expected!

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