

Ellie's Great Fire of London Diary Entry

Learning objective: To use historical knowledge to describe the events of the Great Fire of London from a first-person perspective.

Imagine you are living in London in 1666. Ellie the Elephant has found an old diary. Help her fill in the pages to show what happened during the fire. Use the word bank to help you write your sentences.

Word bank: Pudding Lane · bakery · hot · fire · buckets · water · escape · wooden houses

1. Where did the fire start? (Hint: Think about the bakery on Pudding Lane) (2 marks)

2. Why did the fire spread so quickly between the houses? (2 marks)

3. What did people use to try and put out the flames? (2 marks)

4. How did the people feel when they had to leave their homes? (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Draw a picture of a house in 1666 next to your diary entry. Remember that they were made of wood!