

The Great Fire of London: A Social Studies / History Spotlight with Ellie the Elephant

Step back in time with Ellie the Elephant to discover the story of the Great Fire!

- The fire began in September 1666 at a bakery on Pudding Lane.
- Most houses in London at this time were made of wood and straw, which caught fire easily.
- The fire lasted for four days and destroyed many homes and buildings.
- After the fire, new laws were made to build houses out of brick instead of wood to keep people safe.
- St Paul's Cathedral was one of the famous buildings destroyed, but it was later rebuilt.

Did you know? Did you know? Because the houses were made of wood and built very close together, the fire spread rapidly across the city. People had to flee to the River Thames to stay safe!

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