The Great Fire of London: A Historical Sketch

Learning objective: To identify key features of 17th-century London and the conditions that allowed the Great Fire to spread.

Use your knowledge of the Great Fire of London to create a labelled sketch of Pudding Lane. Read the labels in the word bank and place them in the correct spots on your drawing.

Draw: Draw a street scene in the style of a 17th-century diary entry. Show narrow, tall, timber-framed houses with thatched roofs. Include a small bakery store at the corner. Use warm colors like orange, red, and yellow to show the smoke and flames spreading. Ensure the houses are very close together to show how tight the streets were.

Label words: Thatch roof · Timber-framed house · Narrow street · Pudding Lane · Wooden bucket · River Thames

Steps:

1. Why did the fire spread so quickly between the houses in London?
2. Name the year the Great Fire of London began.
3. Step 1: Draw a row of tall, narrow houses on one side of a street. Make the top floors hang over the bottom floors.
4. Step 2: Label the street 'Pudding Lane'.

5. Step 3: Draw orange and red flames coming from the bakery window.