The Great Fire of London: 1666

Step back in time with Ellie the Elephant to discover how London changed forever!

- **The fire began on 2nd September 1666 at a small bakery on Pudding Lane.**
- **Most houses in London were made of wood and straw, which made the fire spread very quickly.**
- **The fire lasted for four days and nights, burning down St Paul's Cathedral and thousands of homes.**
- **After the fire, King Charles II ordered that new houses should be built from brick and stone to be safer.**
- **The city was redesigned with wider streets to help stop fires from spreading so easily in the future.**

> *Did you know? Did you know that Samuel Pepys, a famous local man at the time, wrote about the fire in his secret diary? Because he wrote down exactly what he saw, historians today know much more about how the fire started and how people felt while it was happening!*

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