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Fact and Discussion Cards



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Seven years before the Great Fire, a man called Daniel Baker warned that there might be a big fire. He thought this because houses in London were mostly built of wood and were very close together.

Do you think the fire could have been stopped from happening? If so, what could people have done?



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The Great Fire of London started in a bakery on Pudding Lane. The man who owned the bakery, Thomas Farriner, was the king's baker.

What rules do you know for keeping safe when you are in the kitchen?



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In 1666, a man named Samuel Pepys wrote a diary. His diary became famous because it describes events during the Great Fire of London. A diary is a book where people write down their thoughts and feelings and things that have happened to them.

If you wrote a diary, what would you write about?



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To stay safe during the fire, people had to leave London. Some people were worried that their belongings would be stolen, so they hid them. A man called Samuel Pepys buried some wine and cheese, amongst other things.

What would you have hidden and where would you have hidden it?



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To help stop the fire spreading, it was decided to knock some buildings down. It was thought that without the wood from buildings, the fire would die out.

How would you feel if your house had been chosen to be knocked down?

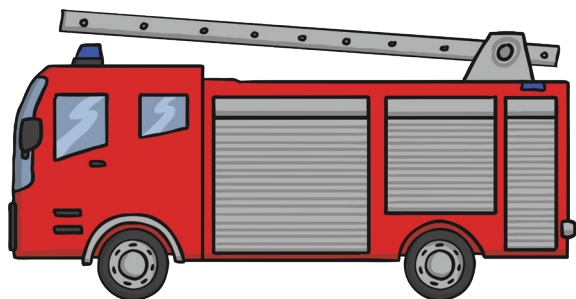


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Today, if there is a fire, we can phone 999 and the fire brigade will come and put the fire out.

Who else might come to help if we phone 999? Can you think of other people who help us?



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Do you know the song 'London's Burning'? If so, sing it with your group

Do you know any other songs about something that happened a long time ago?



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To keep you safe, your school will have fire drills, which is where you practise what would happen if there was a fire.

Talk about the last fire drill you had at school. What did you do? How did you feel?



Because so many houses were destroyed, lots of people had to live in tents in the fields just outside London.

Have you ever stayed in a tent? If so, tell your group about it. If you haven't, tell your group where in the world you'd like to go camping.

