Thursday 15th October 2020

History

What happened during the Great Fire of London?

Were did the fire start?

When did the fire start?

How did it spread?

How long did it take to spread and be put out?

Put the events from the fire in order

Summer 1666

London is hot and bone-dry after 10 months of drought.

6th September 1666

The last large fires are extinguished in the night, but small fires will linger for weeks.

4th September 1666

The fire has spread far and wide, destroying important buildings such as St Paul's Cathedral, but stops halfway across London Bridge.

1667

People clear away the rubble and inspect the burnt area. New laws are passed on how houses should be built. But by the end of the year only 150 new houses are finished.

5th September 1666

The fire begins to die down when the strong east wind drops and men led by the Duke of York demolish the buildings in its path.

2nd September 1666

A fire breaks out in Tom Farynor's bakery in the heart of the city when he forgets to completely extinguish the oven.

Read the passage from the book and find the answer to these questions:

- What did we learn?
- What do we do differently now?
- How has our life changed?
- How do we avoid fires like this?

DEALING WITH DISASTERS

Huge fires like the one that struck London in 1666, and Chicago in 1871, are now part of history. Modern cities are built from bricks and concrete, rather than wooden buildings.

Today's cities are bigger and more complex than the cities of the past. They also face emergencies. These can be caused by extreme weather, such as super-storm Sandy that struck New York City in America in 2012. They can also be caused by wars or attacks by terrorists.

Are we better prepared now?

We have many advantages over the people who battled the Great Fire of London. Every city is now patrolled by fire fighters, who can respond quickly to any outbreaks of fire. In 1666, it took several days for people outside London to find out about the fire. Today, phones and the Internet enable people to respond to emergencies instantly.



▼ *Modern fire fighters use breathing equipment and other technology to help them fight fires.*

Yet we can also learn from the Great Fire of London. The fire spread because people made the wrong choices. Houses were not pulled down to stop the fire before it got out of control. Efforts to put out the fire were disorganised and there was no central control. Even with the best equipment in the world, making the right choices and good organisation are essential to deal with any emergency.

Read the sentences and complete them so that they make sense.

LO: Record the changes in the way we live now as a result of the Great Fire of London

Today's cities are _____.

The fire spread because people made the _____ choices.

Today, _____ and _____ help people to respond to emergencies.

In 1666 it took _____ for people to find out about the fire.

_____ is essential in dealing with an emergency.