

The Diary of Samuel Pepys



Sunday 2nd September 1666

Dear Diary,

My maid, Jane, called up to me early this morning to tell me that there was a big fire burning in the city. It was far away so I went back to sleep. When I got up this morning, I saw the fire out of my window but it was still far away. Jane came to tell me the fire began in a bakery on Pudding Lane and 300 houses had been burned down. She was very worried and I began to panic. The fire is spreading and I am afraid that my house will be burned down!

Monday 3rd September 1666

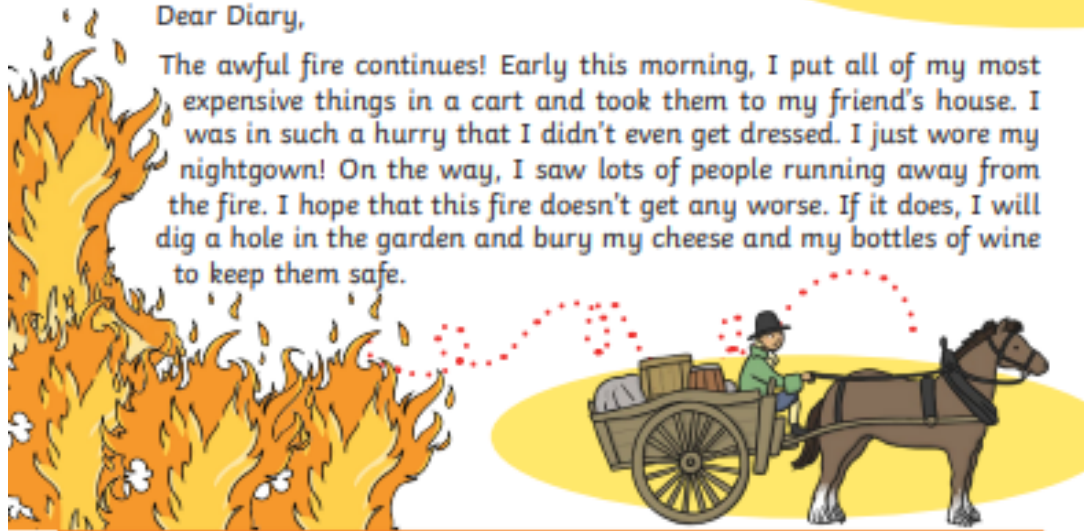
Dear Diary,

The fire is still getting bigger! I am very scared because it is getting closer to my house! Today, I hid all of my money in the cellar. I hope that it is hidden deep enough so that it will be safe from the fire.

Tuesday 4th September 1666

Dear Diary,

The awful fire continues! Early this morning, I put all of my most expensive things in a cart and took them to my friend's house. I was in such a hurry that I didn't even get dressed. I just wore my nightgown! On the way, I saw lots of people running away from the fire. I hope that this fire doesn't get any worse. If it does, I will dig a hole in the garden and bury my cheese and my bottles of wine to keep them safe.



1. Where did the fire begin? Tick one.

- Cake Street Pudding Lane Bread Pond

2. Draw three lines and complete each sentence.

Samuel Pepys hid ...

to his friend's house.

Samuel Pepys took his expensive things ...

all of his money in the cellar.

Samuel Pepys was afraid that ...

his house would burn down.

3. Number the events from 1-4 to show the order that they happened in. The first one has been done for you.

	Samuel hides all of his money in the cellar.
1	Samuel sees the fire out of his window.
	Samuel begins to panic.
	Samuel takes his things to his friend's house.

4. Find and copy one word that shows what Samuel Pepys thinks of the fire.

5. What do you think Samuel Pepys will do on Wednesday 5th September 1666?
