



Belleville Wix Academy

Year 2 Great Fire of London

Year 2 had a wonderful time bringing the Great Fire of London to life at BWA.

The Great Fire of 1666 devastated the heart of London, destroying more than 13,000 houses and badly damaging landmarks including St Paul's Cathedral and the Royal Exchange. The Great Fire of London raged for four whole days, starting on 2nd September.

It is believed that fire began in a bakery in Pudding Lane. Before the fire began, there had been a drought in London that lasted for 10 months, so the city was very dry. In 1666, lots of people had houses made from wood and straw which burned easily.



Thomas Farriner had forgotten to sweep out his oven which meant that a fire started. It spread very quickly throughout London as the houses were made from wood and straw.

We re-created Pudding Lane from cardboard boxes and straw.

"It was quite scary when the wind blew the fire and it grew really big. This reminded me of the hot summer of 1666, where the wind was strong so it blew the fire quickly from house to house."

- Student, 2SB

