



# Welcome to your Discovery Box

Here you will find an array of exciting activities and fun facts to prepare you for your next Unit of Study.

*Within this box you will find:*

- knowledge organiser
- fun facts and information
- craft activities
- puzzles and games
- suggestions for visits and days out
- a recommendation of books to look for in the library

We hope you find these activities engaging and entertaining but most of all that they make you **curious** to learn more.

# DiscoveryBox

## Fire! Fire!

**Make your own lolly stick theatre to retell the story of the Great Fire of London.**



### **You will need:**

- cardboard box
- scissors
- lolly sticks
- glue or sticky tape
- pens/pencils
- Fire of London templates



### **Step 1: Make your theatre**

Find a box to use as your theatre (a cereal box will work well). Cut a hole in the front, leaving at least an inch around the edge as a frame. Cut slits in the sides to be able to feed through your buildings, flames and people.

### **Step 2: Make your scenes and characters**

Carefully cut out the buildings, flames and people templates and stick each item to a lolly stick. Samuel Pepys and King Charles II are provided but you can create more characters of your own if you want to, such as Thomas Farriner, the baker.

### **Step 3: Learn the key events**

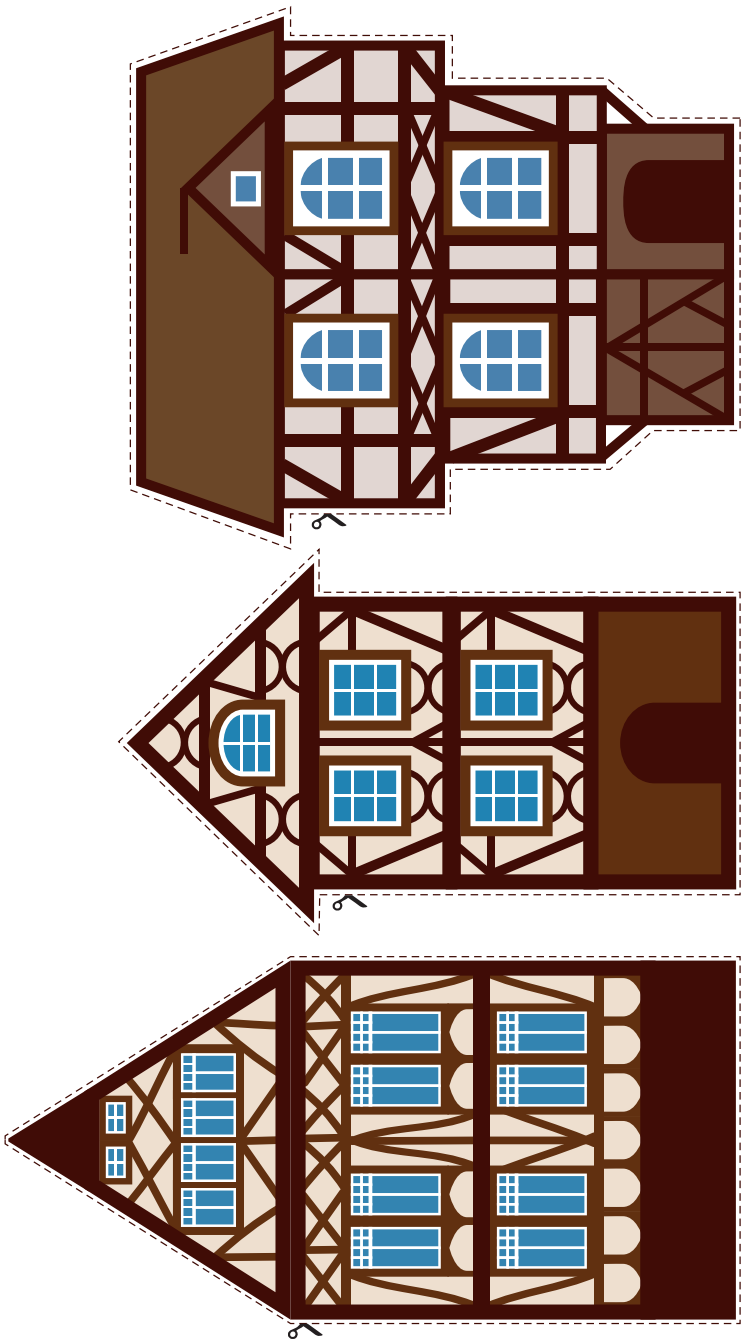
Learn the key events of the Great Fire of London by completing your own research. There is a lot of information on your Knowledge Organiser and the Museum of London website. Or you could borrow a book from your local library.

### **Step 4: Perform**

Make up your performance and act out the key events of the Great Fire of London. Why not invite an audience to watch?

# DiscoveryBox

Cut out these templates to use in your lolly stick theatre.









## Bake your own bread!

### Ingredients:

500g granary, whole-wheat or white bread flour

7g sachet fast-action dried yeast

1 tsp salt

2 tbsp olive oil

1 tbsp clear honey



## The Great Fire of London started at the King's bakery in Pudding Lane, London.

### Method:

1. Tip the flour, yeast and salt into a large bowl and mix together with your hands.
2. Stir 300ml warm water with the oil and honey, then stir the liquid into the dry ingredients to make a soft dough.
3. Turn the dough out onto a lightly floured surface and knead for 5 minutes, until the dough no longer feels sticky. (Sprinkle more flour onto the dough if you need to.)
4. Oil a loaf tin and put the dough in the tin, pressing it evenly.
5. Put the tin in a large plastic food bag and leave to rise for 1 hour until the dough has risen.
6. Heat the oven to 200°C/180°C fan/gas mark 6.
7. Make slashes across the top of the loaf with a knife. (Be careful with sharp knives and ask an adult to help you).
8. Bake for 30–35 minutes until the loaf is risen and golden.
9. Tip it out onto a cooling rack and leave to cool.
10. Cut into slices, spread with your favourite topping and enjoy!

Samuel Pepys's Diary

**Samuel Pepys is famous for the diary he wrote about what happened during the Great Fire of London. Can you write your own diary entry?**



*Dear Diary,*

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

## London's Burning

Many people believe the song London's Burning is written about the Great Fire of London.

### How to Make a Water Xylophone

**You will need:**

- 8 glass jars or bottles
- Jug of Water
- Ruler
- Teaspoon

Place your glass bottles or jars in a line.

1. Leave the first empty. Fill the next one until it has 2cm of water in the bottom. Then, fill the next until it has 3cm of water. Repeat until the last one has 8cm of water in it.
2. Tap each of the bottles or jars gently with the spoon. Arrange them in order of pitch, from the lowest sound on your left, to the highest on your right.
3. Try playing 'London's Burning' by tapping the bottles in the order below.



*London's Burning*

*London's Burning, London's Burning,*

1 1 4 4 1 1 4 4

*Fetch the engines, fetch the engines,*

5 5 6 6 5 5 6 6

*Fire, fire! Fire, fire!*

8 8 8 8

*Pour on water, pour on water*

8 7 6 6 8 7 6 6





How many of the words listed below can you find?

P	u	d	d	i	n	g	L	a	n	e
a	d	r	g	f	f	n	b	n	m	k
g	f	t	b	i	h	e	a	t	u	l
s	l	c	v	r	h	o	k	y	j	h
S	a	m	u	e	l	P	e	p	y	s
m	m	u	j	n	m	l	r	f	d	d
o	e	d	i	a	r	y	y	s	x	v
k	s	e	s	c	a	p	i	n	g	g
e	f	l	a	m	m	a	b	l	e	f
R	i	v	e	r	T	h	a	m	e	s
c	s	z	b	u	r	n	i	n	g	y

**smoke**

**bakery**

**burning**

**Pudding Lane**

**Samuel Pepys**

**River Thames**

**fire**

**escaping**

**flames**

**heat**

**diary**

**flammable**



How Many Words Puzzle

How many words can you make  
from the letters in

**THE GREAT FIRE OF LONDON?**

Words must be 2 letters or more.



**THE GREAT FIRE OF LONDON**

<hr/>	<hr/>
<hr/>	<hr/>
<hr/>	<hr/>
<hr/>	<hr/>
<hr/>	<hr/>
<hr/>	<hr/>
<hr/>	<hr/>
<hr/>	<hr/>
<hr/>	<hr/>
<hr/>	<hr/>
<hr/>	<hr/>
<hr/>	<hr/>

## Suggestions for Visits and Days Out



### London:

Check out where the fire first started by visiting Pudding Lane.

Climb up the 311 steps of The Monument, which was built to commemorate the Great Fire and celebrate the rebuilding of the city.

Pop into St Magnus the Martyr church, where you can see a 17th-century fire truck and a model of Old London Bridge.

Walk down Cannon Street. The fire spread right down this road and it also leads to St Paul's Cathedral.

Enter St Paul's Cathedral. The fire burnt down the Medieval cathedral but Sir Christopher Wren built the new St Paul's which still stands today.

### Museums:

The Museum of London has an interactive exhibition devoted to the Fire.

### Local:

Visit your local fire station.

## Recommended Reading

