

The Great Fire of London

- Key Stage 1 (adaptable for KS2)
- Curriculum themes: History, Science
- Session length: 1.5 to 2 hours
- Session times: 10am – 11.45am or 12.30pm – 2.15pm



Examine eye witness accounts and artefacts to investigate what happened 350 years ago. Take part in costumed role play and write your own diary with a goose quill and ink to recreate the home of Samuel Pepys during the Great Fire of London.

We begin the workshop with an introduction to the subject through guided discussion on primary evidence and the importance of investigating the past beyond living memory.

We'll examine paintings, sketches, newspaper reports, and diary entries from the time, before dressing up as either Samuel Pepys, his wife Elizabeth, or one of their four servants, to explain what happened as the Great Fire wreaked havoc on London.

Stay for the day
enjoy lunch after
your workshop and
spend self-guided
time in the museum
(worksheets
provided)



A multi-sensory activity focusing on object handling will allow us to identify different materials used in objects from the era and who they might have belonged to.

The final part of the workshop involves a basic demonstration and practice of writing with a goose quill and ink, before writing diary entries as a souvenir of the visit!