

**Key Knowledge:**

<b>Overview</b>	The <b>Great Fire of Northampton</b> was a major <b>fire</b> that destroyed nearly all of <b>Northampton</b> Town.
<b>When and where did the fire start?</b>	The <b>fire</b> started on <b>20<sup>th</sup> September 1675</b> , 9 years after the <b>Great Fire of London</b> . It was caused by a spark from an open <b>fire</b> in a house on St. Mary's street.
<b>Why did the fire spread so quickly?</b>	Like London, the buildings in <b>Northampton</b> were made of wood and straw and they were very close together making it easy for the <b>fire</b> to spread. The <b>fire</b> also spread to the <b>Market Square</b> , which sold goods, like oil, malt and corn which fuelled the <b>fire</b> and made it much worse. In one day, the <b>fire</b> destroyed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 600 homes</li> <li>• <b>All Saints Church</b></li> <li>• All the <b>market</b> stalls in the <b>Market Square</b>,</li> </ul>
<b>How and when was the fire out?</b>	The <b>fire</b> only lasted for 6 hours, but destroyed nearly all of the town centre in that time. It is not known exactly how the <b>fire</b> was stopped.
<b>Did many people die?</b>	Records show that 11 people died in <b>The Great Fire of Northampton</b> .
<b>How do we know about The Great Fire of Northampton?</b>	We know about what happened because people wrote about it in newspapers and letters. Artists who were around at the time painted pictures of the <b>fire</b> as well. The <b>fire</b> was reported to be more furious and destructive than the <b>Great Fire of London</b> .
<b>What happened after the fire?</b>	In the days after the <b>fire</b> , people from around <b>Northampton</b> donated food and items to help all those that had lost their homes in the <b>fire</b> . <b>King Charles II</b> donated 1000 tons of wood from Salcey Forest to rebuild the town. <b>Lord Northampton</b> campaigned in Parliament for a special act to rebuild <b>Northampton</b> . When rebuilding <b>Northampton</b> , the streets were widened and the houses were built with slate roofs to try and prevent more <b>fires</b> .

**Key Vocabulary:**

<b>Northampton</b>	<b>Northampton</b> is a large town in England, UK. It is the town which we live in.
<b>The Great Fire of Northampton</b>	a major <b>fire</b> that swept through <b>Northampton</b> in 1675
<b>The Great Fire of London</b>	a major <b>fire</b> that swept through London in 1666.
<b>market</b>	a place where bread and cakes are made or sold.
<b>fire</b>	a process in which substances combine to give out bright light, heat & smoke.
<b>flames</b>	part of a <b>fire</b> .
<b>All Saints Church</b>	a large church in the centre of <b>Northampton</b> .

**Significant People:**

<b>Lord Northampton</b>	<b>King Charles II</b>
<b>Lord Northampton</b> campaigned for a special act of Parliament to be rushed through to rebuild <b>Northampton</b> after the <b>fire</b> .	<b>Charles II</b> was the King of England during the time of the <b>Great Fire of Northampton</b> . He donated 1000 tons of wood from Salcey Forest to help rebuild the houses destroyed by the <b>fire</b> .

**A painting of the Great Fire of Northampton:**

