



Diary of the Great Fire of London by Samuel Pepys

Audience: Younger Readers KS1

Key Purpose: To write a diary.

About the Book:

Samuel Pepys kept a diary of all the things he did and saw and these diary extracts tells us about what he saw during the 1666 Great Fire of London. He wrote about how it started and how and why the fire spread. It also helps us to understand what it was like to live in London then.

About the Author:

Samuel Pepys started to write around 1660 at the age of 26. He lived in London and wrote about his normal everyday life and also things that he saw. He wrote some of his diary in a special code so others couldn't read it.

He wrote about the Great Plague in 1665 which killed thousands of people in London. He then wrote about the Great Fire of London.

Key Grammar:

To use the past tense correctly and consistently

To write in the first person

To use subordination (using 'when', 'if', 'that', or 'because') and co-ordination (using 'or', 'and', or 'but').

To proofread to check for errors in spelling, grammar and punctuation



Key Vocabulary:

Other books to read:

- Anne Frank
- Diary of a Wimpy Kid
- Diary of a Spider

Key Writing Skills:

