

# London's Burning! The Great Fire of London

**Session takes approx. 90 mins**

## **Aims:**

- To reinforce knowledge of the Great Fire of London.
- To investigate how and why fires started in wooden buildings, using Headstone Manor as the example.
- To discover what changes were made after the fire.

## **Session breakdown:**

The session will be divided into three parts: **Storytime**, **Creative Activity** and **House Activity**.

## **Storytime:**

The children learn the story of the Great Fire, through discussion and interactive role play.

## **Creative Activity:**

Several changes happened after the Great Fire, including building in brick and paying into insurance. We explain this in a child friendly way and the children make their own fire insurance plaque in clay, using the Sun Insurance plaque at Headstone as their guide.

## **House Activity:**

Headstone Manor really shows the children what buildings were like at the time of the Great Fire. They investigate how fires were used in the home, how houses were constructed and how this adds up to a great big fire risk! Learn how farmers at the Manor would have put out fires.

## **Curriculum Links:**

- History: events beyond living memory that are significant nationally or globally
- Art: use a range of materials to design and make products
- Science: describe simple properties of everyday material