

# The Great Plague

Year 4 History Autumn 2

## Sticky Knowledge

**What was the plague and when did it start?**

The plague (also known as the Black Death or the Bubonic plague) started in 1665.

**Where did the plague start?**

It is believed to have started in Asia and brought through Europe by fleas living on rats. The fleas would bite people who would become infected.

**What were the plague symptoms and remedies?**

Fever, chills, headaches, muscle pain, cough, painful sores.

**Why did the plague spread so quickly?**

The plague spread so quickly due to poor sanitation from sewage waste being abandoned in the streets and river.

**What are the plague pits?**

The plague pits were enormous graves used to bury multiple victims.

**How did the plague end?**

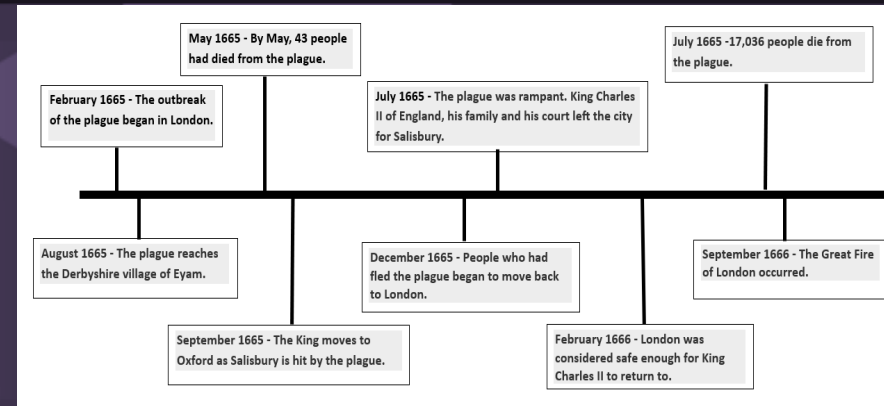
The cold winter of 1665/66 killed off rats, people began to quarantine and then the Great Fire of London destroyed houses and killed rats and fleas.



## Key Vocabulary

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<b>Plague/Pandemic</b>	An outbreak of a dangerous disease.
<b>Bubonic</b>	Swollen or inflamed lymph nodes in the arms or groin.
<b>Bacteria</b>	Tiny living things that are part of the decay of living things can cause disease.
<b>Transmitted</b>	Passed from one person or place to another.
<b>Quarantine</b>	Keeping a person, animal, or thing away from another to stop disease spreading.
<b>Hygiene</b>	Keeping your body clean and healthy.
<b>Victims</b>	Someone who has suffered illness or died because of illness.
<b>Mortality</b>	A number of deaths in a given area or period.
<b>Population</b>	Many people living in the same village, town, county, country, continent, or world.
<b>Banish</b>	Forced to leave a place or country.



## The Plague Doctor

