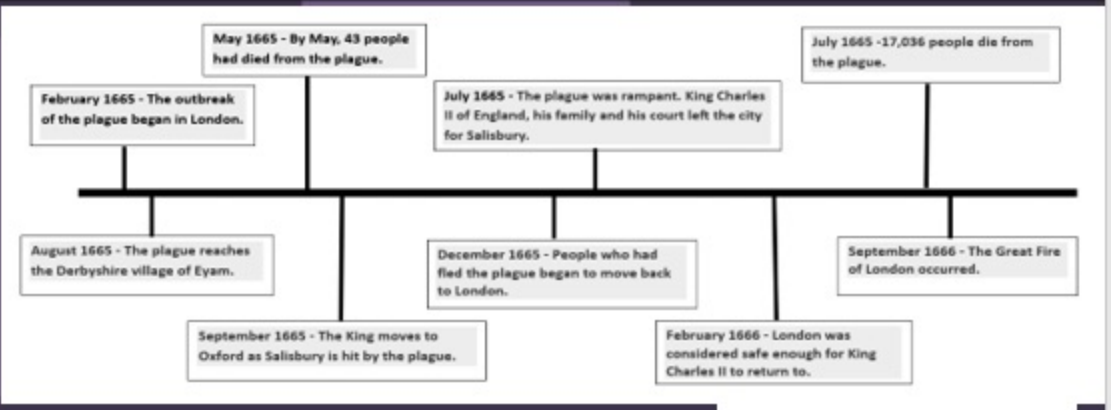
The Great Plague

Sticky Knowledge

Year 4 History Autumn 2



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

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