



Timeline					
1348	Feb 1665	May 1665	July 1665	December 1665	Sept 1666
The plague which became known as the Black Death first struck London.	An new outbreak of the plague began in London.	43 people had died from the plague.	17,036 people had died from the plague.	By now, the people who fled the plague began to move back to London.	The Great Fire of London occurred.

### Key Knowledge

- The Great Plague occurred between 1665 and 1666.
- Rats carried the fleas that caused the plague. They were attracted to city streets filled with rubbish and waste.
- The plague killed people at an incredible rate. People died within days of catching the illness!
- The most common symptoms included; headaches, fever, vomiting, painful swellings on the neck, armpits and groin (known as buboes), blisters and bruises and coughing up blood.

#### Concept — Rules and Laws:

- There was no cure for the plague. People suffering or showing symptoms of the plague were banished to their homes. Healthy family members could also not leave the house. A large red cross was nailed or painted on the front door to warn others that those inside were infected.
- Being a plague doctor was badly paid and unpleasant. They wore clothing that offered some protection.



### Key Vocabulary

Spelling	Definition
<b>plague</b>	A very infectious disease spread by rats, causing swelling, fever, and usually death.
<b>disease</b>	An illness of people or animals caused by an infection.
<b>contagious</b>	A disease spread from one person to another.
<b>epidemic</b>	A disease that is widespread and affects a large number of people.
<b>symptom</b>	A physical or mental feature which suggests an illness.
<b>urban</b>	An <b>urban area</b> is the region surrounding a city.
<b>sources of evidence</b>	<b>Sources</b> may contain different types of information, (bills of mortality, death database etc.)
<b>fever</b>	A medical condition in which the body temperature is high and the heart beats very fast.