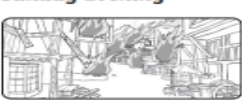
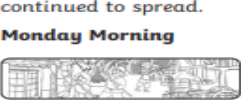


Spindle Point Primary School — History Knowledge Organiser: Year 2

The plague is an ancient disease that can be carried by rats. It can also be spread by fleas that have become infected after biting rats. There have been many cases of plague but in the 1300s it spread across Europe killing more than 25 million people. The last major outbreak in England was in London in 1665, just before the time of the Great Fire of London. Many people think the fire helped stop the spread of the disease. Samuel Pepys wrote a diary which helps us understand more about what was going on at the time.

Key Vocabulary

- Infected: often contaminated with a virus
- Eyewitness: a person who sees something happen and can provide a first class account of it
- Extracts: a short passage taken from a book or text

The fire started on Sunday 2nd September 1666 in a baker's shop on Pudding Lane. Early Sunday Morning 	A fire for baking had not been put out. The fire soon spread towards other buildings. Early Sunday Morning 	A man called Samuel Pepys started to write about what was happening in his diary. Sunday Morning 	The fire spread easily because many of the buildings were close together and made out of wood. Sunday Evening 	Buildings were pulled down and water was thrown using leather buckets and water squirts. This did not stop the fire and so it continued to spread. Monday Morning 
People had to carry their belongings to safety using boats on the river Thames. Monday Morning 	The fire spread very close to the Tower of London. Monday Evening 	St Paul's Cathedral was destroyed in the fire. Tuesday 	The fire started to burn more slowly as the wind died down. Wednesday 	Because the wind had died down and many houses were pulled down to stop the fire spreading, the fire stopped. Thursday 

Can you discuss The Plague & The Great Fire of London?



Key People and Events

- Pudding Lane: location of the start of The Great Fire of London
- Samuel; Pepys: he observed the fire
- The Plague: a time of severe disease and illness killing thousands of people