

# Year 4 Blackbirds

## History

### Spring 1



We know so much about the plague and the fire of London because of Samuel Pepys. He kept diaries during both events.



The plague began in 1665 and spread very quickly through London. The plague was carried by rats who infected people by biting them.



### Key vocabulary

**Plague**- A pandemic that swept through London in 1665. It was highly contagious and people died within days of catching it.

**Samuel Pepys**- An eye witness of both the plague and the fire of London.

**Diary**- A book that people write in about things they have seen or done.

**Great Fire of London**- A fire that broke out on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1666 and lasted for 5 days

**Pudding Lane**- The place in London where the fire started in a bakery.

**Thomas Farriner**- The baker who owned the bakery in Pudding Lane.

**Firebreak**- A gap that stops a fire spreading to nearby buildings.

**King Charles II**- The King who was ruling during the Plague and fire of London.

The Great Fire of London started on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1666, in a bakery in Pudding lane. The fire burned for 5 days.

