

What should I already know?

- The Great Fire of London
- London as a city
- Vocabulary such as quarantine, lockdown, disease, contagious.
- Knowledge of coronavirus.
- Tudor life.

Historical skills and enquiry

- Would you rather be a hunter-gatherer or farmer?
- What can we learn from the Amesbury Archer burial?
- Why did people build Stonehenge?
- How did life change from Stone Age to Iron Age and was it for the better?

What will I find out by the end of the unit?

- Charles II was the Monarch of England during the Great Plague.
- The Plague killed people at an incredible rate and the victims died within days of catching the illness.
- Symptoms included headaches, fever, vomiting, buboes, blisters and bruises, and coughing up blood.
- There was no cure for the plague.
- People with symptoms had to quarantine in their homes.
- A large red cross was put on the door to warn others that those inside were infected. 'God have mercy upon us' was written on the door.
- Some doctors believed that bad poisonous air was the cause of the plague, infecting anyone who breathed it in.
- Fleas and lice spread the disease. They would bite the rats, who became infected by the disease and would then be spread to humans. Human body lice would bite the human and spread the disease.
- Plague doctors went to people's homes to treat victims.
- Plague pits were used to bury people quickly. Men would walk through the streets with a cart collecting bodies.

Vocabulary

Bubonic Plague	plague in humans which spread out of London in 1665
Black Death	Plague epidemic 1347-1351
disease	illness which has specific symptoms
contagious	spread of disease from one person to another
epidemic	infectious disease in a community at a particular time
quarantine	isolation due to exposure to a contagious disease
fever	symptom of infection causing high temperature
buboes	painful swellings in the thighs, neck, groin or armpits.
fleas	jumping insect which feeds on blood
body lice	tiny insects which live in clothing and travel to human skin to feed
plague pits	mass graves for plague victims

