

The Great Plague

Important Words

A.D. Anno Domini (after Christ)

17th The 17th Century (1600-1700A.D.)

Disease A sickness that affects your body

King Charles 2nd He was the King during the Great Plague.

Hygiene The things we do to stay clean and well.

Health A person's mental or physical condition.

Monarch The King or Queen of Britain.

Reign The length of time when a King or Queen was in charge of Britain.

Remedy A treatment for disease or injury.

Samuel Pepys (Pepys sounds like 'Peeps')
He kept a diary, which is how we know so much about the Great Plague.

Towns and villages were unhygienic.



Doctors wore nose-cases filled with herbs.



What happened?

During the summer of 1665, London was affected by a horrible disease, which became known as the Great Plague.

People were terrified of the plague, as there was no cure. It lasted from 1665 until 1666.

Why did the disease spread?

When people sneezed or coughed, they spread the disease.

The cause of the plague was rats, because rats carried bacteria and fleas.

When fleas bit people, they infected them.

How did it stop?

The Great Fire of London destroyed many rat-infested buildings. This meant there were less rats to spread the disease.

The weather was very cold in Autumn 1666, which helped to stop the spread of bacteria.

When was The Great Plague?

AD 1509
King Henry VIII

AD 1665
The Great Plague

AD 1837
Queen Victoria

AD 1558
Queen Elizabeth I

AD 1666
The Great Fire of London