Year 2, Autumn 1, Topic

Could the Great Fire of London happen today?

What do I already know?

- ❑ I can locate London on a map (Y1)
- ❑ I can describe the physical and human features of my local area (Y1)
- ❑ I can describe changes to my local area through time (beyond and within living memory) (Y1)
- ❑ I can name monarchs through history, including King Charles II (Y1)
- ❑ I can name different types of homes (Y1)
- ❑ I can name and describe various materials (Y1 Science)
- ❑ I can understand the key features of Fire Safety (EY)

Significant Figures

Thomas Farriner

- ❑ An ember from one of Thomas' bakery ovens ignited some nearby firewood.
- ❑ The fire quickly spread around the room and to nearby buildings.

Samuel Pepys

- ❑ One of the ways we know about the fire is because people wrote about it in their own personal diary.
- ❑ Samuel Pepys wrote about the fire.

King Charles II

- ❑ Charles II was the King of England in 1666.
- ❑ After the fire, he made a decree that houses must be built further apart and built from stone not

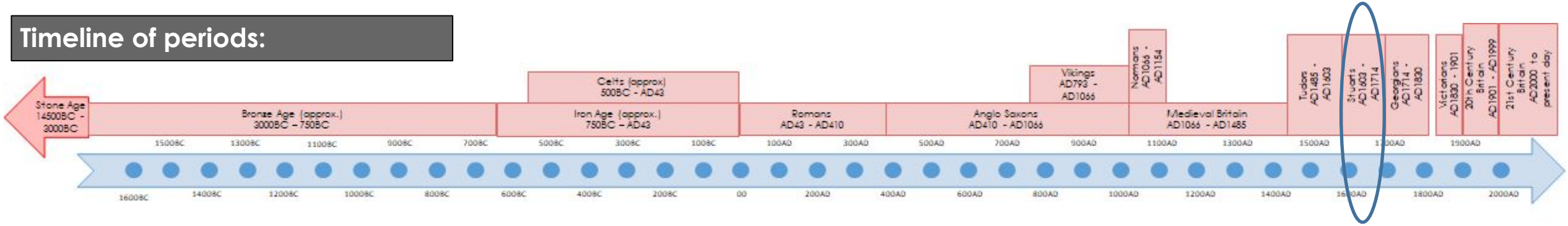
Key facts: General Knowledge

When and where did the fire start?	❑ The Great Fire of London started in a **bakery** in **Pudding Lane** on **2nd September 1666**.
Why did the fire spread?	❑ It had been a hot summer and it hadn't rained for weeks so the city was very dry. ❑ In 1666,lots of people had houses made from **wood** which **burns easily**. ❑ Houses were **built too close together**. ❑ There was no organised fire brigade.
How did they fight the fire?	❑ They used **leather buckets** and **squirts filled** with water, **axes**, **fire-hooks** and **gunpowder** to make **fire-breaks**.
How did the fire stop?	❑ The fire burned for **4 days**. ❑ As the wind died down and changed direction the fire became under control and was finally put out. ❑ **Fire breaks** were created between the houses.
How many people died?	❑ 6 people died. ❑ **Thomas Farriner's maid** was the first person to die because she was too scared to jump from the burning building.
What happened after the fire?	❑ **13,200 houses** were **destroyed** ❑ **70,000 people** were left **homeless**. ❑ Many left London to live elsewhere and some slept in tents.

Key Vocabulary

antefact	an object from the past which shows evidence of what life was like
bakery	a place where bread or cakes are made and sold
diary	a personal record of life's events
eye-witness	a person who has seen something and can give a description of it
embers	small pieces of glowing wood or coal in a dying fire
fire breaks	gaps between houses to stop the spread of fires
fire hooks	metal hooks used to pull down houses
flammable	when something burns easily
gunpowder	black powder used to extinguish fire as a chemical explosive
human feature	an environment that has been changed or created by humans
leather bucket	- traditionally used as fire extinguishers in 17th Century
London	capital City of the United Kingdom
physical feature	an environment, or place, that has not been changed by humans
River Thames	the longest river in England, flows through London
thatched roof	man made roof made of straw or other dry vegetation
water squirts	large syringe made of brass used to extinguish fires

Timeline of periods:



Timeline of events: The Great Fire of London

Sunday 2nd September 1666
A fire starts at 1am in Thomas Farriner's bakery on Pudding Lane. As news of the fire spreads, people run to escape its path. Mid morning, Samuel Pepys starts to write about the fire in his diary.

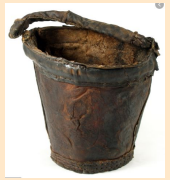
Monday 3rd September 1666
Fire fighters try to tackle the fire but it spreads too quickly. People carry their possessions to safety using horse and cart or boats on the River Thames. The fire gets very close to the Tower of London.

Tuesday 4th September 1666
Houses are pulled down in an attempt to stop the fire. St. Paul's Cathedral is destroyed by the fire.

Wednesday 5th September 1666
The wind dies down and the fire spreads more slowly.

Thursday 6th September 1666
The fire is finally put out sand thousands or people are left homeless.

Key Facts: Artefacts

	**leather water bucket**
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