Y2/3 History
The Stuarts

Key vocabulary

Divine Right	the belief that a king is chosen by God
Plot	a secret plan to do something harmful
Catholic	a Christian who follows the Pope
Civil War	a war between people in the same country
Bubonic plague	a disease spread by infected rat fleas
Firebreak	a gap made to stop a fire spreading
Architect	a person who designs buildings

Key information

The Gunpowder Plot — 1605

Some Catholics were angry about how they were treated under James I. Robert Catesby led a plot to blow up Parliament. Guy Fawkes was found in the cellars with 36 barrels of gunpowder.

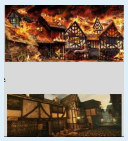
Charles I — 1625–1649

Charles I believed in the Divine Right of Kings. He ruled without Parliament for 11 years. His taxes and religious changes upset people and helped lead to the Civil War. He was executed in 1649.

The Great Plague — 1665

The bubonic plague was spread by infected rat fleas. People became very ill. More than 100,000 people died in London.

The Great Fire of London — 1666



The fire began at Thomas Farriner's bakery on Pudding Lane. Wooden houses, narrow streets, dry weather and strong winds helped the fire spread. Firebreaks helped stop it.

Christopher Wren & rebuilding

After the fire, Christopher Wren helped rebuild London. Streets were widened and buildings were made from brick and stone. Wren rebuilt St Paul's Cathedral. Fire insurance began in 1667.

Key people

James I
King when the Gunpowder Plot happened.

Robert Catesby
Leader of the Gunpowder Plot.

Guy Fawkes
Found with 36 barrels of gunpowder.

Charles I
King whose rule helped lead to Civil War.

Samuel Pepys
Wrote a diary about the Great Fire.

Christopher Wren
Architect who helped rebuild London.

TIMELINE

1603	1605	1625	1642	1649	1660	1665	1666	1667
James I becomes king	Gunpowder Plot	Charles I becomes king	Civil War begins	Charles I executed	Charles II restored	Great Plague	Great Fire	Fire insurance