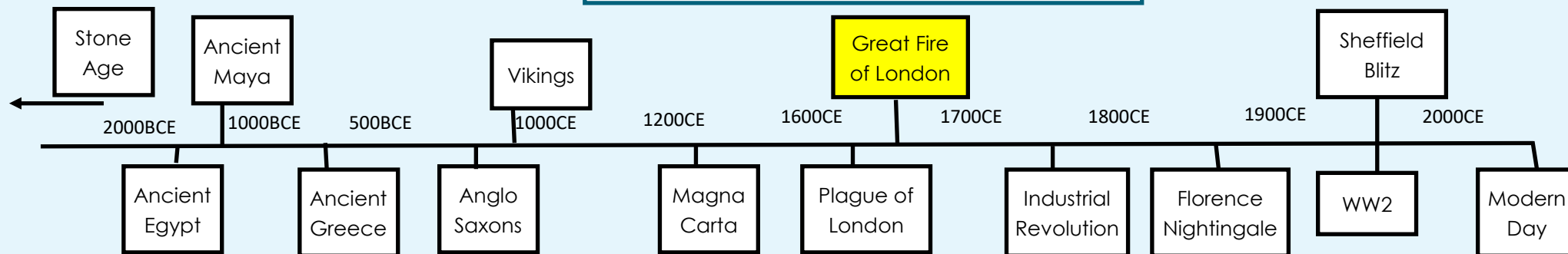


History - Y2 Spring

The Great Fire of London



Key vocabulary to remember and use in your learning

newspaper	Printed news events.
first person account	A piece of evidence produced by a person that witnessed an event.
drought	When it hasn't rained in a very long time.
St. Paul's	A famous building in the middle of London that was damaged during the Great Fire of London.
Pudding Lane	The fire originated from a bakery at this address.
fire hook	A long pole with a hook at the end, used to fight fires.
water squirt	A piece of equipment used to help put out the fire.

Key knowledge to know and use

- A baker called Thomas Farriner started the fire on Pudding Lane in London on Sunday 2nd September 1666.
- Samuel Pepys wrote a diary all about what happened during the fire. This is how we know so much about it today! It is our main primary source. He even said that he saw the King come and help put out the fire himself.
- Before the Great Fire of London, there was no such thing as a fire service. This meant that ordinary people, not firefighters, had to put out the flames themselves.
- The fire spread really quickly because the houses were made of wood and built really close together.