

## Civilisation



### Sticky Knowledge

- The Great Fire of Newcastle and Gateshead started on the 6<sup>th</sup> October 1854 and lasted 3 days.
- The fire started in Gateshead, in a wool factory called Wilson's Worsteds.
- The factory was next door to a warehouse which had explosive chemicals in it!
- This led to huge explosions flying over to Newcastle and suddenly both sides were on fire.
- The fire spread so quickly due to the buildings being so closer together and high winds blowing the fire.
- Fire fighters arrived to help from nearby places. They used fire breaks to help stop the fire. It took one and a half days to stop.
- 53 people died and 500 were injured.
- Only a few buildings still stand today.
- Changes were made to the fire service and houses were rebuilt with more space, running water and even a separate toilet.

## History

### The Great Fire of Newcastle and Gateshead



#### Key concepts:

- To investigate and interpret the past.
- To build an overview of world history
- To understand chronology
- To communicate historically.



### Learning Questions

Can we ask questions to find out about the past?

What happened during the Great Fire of Newcastle and Gateshead?

What was people's experience of the Great Fire of Newcastle and Gateshead?

What happened after the Great Fire of Newcastle and Gateshead?

### Vocabulary

<b>Fire</b>	A dangerous event where heat and flames destroy things, like buildings or forests.
<b>Buildings</b>	Structures like houses, shops, and factories, many of which were destroyed in the fire.
<b>Destruction</b>	When something is ruined or broken apart, like buildings during the fire.
<b>Firefighters</b>	People who are trained to stop fires and help keep people safe.
<b>Victims</b>	People who were hurt or lost their homes in the fire.
<b>Rebuilt</b>	Building something again after it has been broken or destroyed.