

# History Year 6

## World War II



*Pupils will be taught a study of an aspect or theme in British history that extends pupils' chronological knowledge beyond (NC)*

### Key Facts

- World War II lasted almost 6 years from 1939 to 1945.
- World War II was total war - every person, every business, every service was involved.
- World War II in Europe began on 3rd September 1939, when the Prime Minister of Britain, Neville Chamberlain, declared war on Germany.
- The war was fought chiefly between two major alliances: the Allies and the Axis.
- Britain was called the 'Home Front'.
- Children were evacuated from the big cities into the countryside.
- People carried gas masks to protect themselves against a possible gas attack.
- The heavy and frequent bombing attacks on London and other cities was known as the 'Blitz'.
- People used air raid shelters to protect themselves from bombing.
- People were warned of a likely air raid by loud sirens.
- All windows and doors were blacked out so that light could not escape and aid enemy aircraft.
- All sorts of foods were rationed, as well as clothing, furniture and petrol.
- On 8 May 1945, the Allies accepted Germany's surrender after the death of the Nazi leader Adolf Hitler.

**Legacy of World War II:** The birth of the United Nations, the death of colonial empires and the first steps towards the European Union.

### Chronology of Key Events



### Historical Skills



- Use sources of evidence to deduce information about the past
- Show an awareness of the concept of propaganda
- Suggest causes and consequences of some of the main events and changes in history
- Give a broad overview of life in Britain from the unit studied
- Describe the characteristic features of the past
- Understand the concepts of continuity and change over time
- Use dates and terms accurately in describing events

### Key Vocabulary



- Evacuation
- Black Out
- Rationing
- Coupons
- Gas mask
- Bombing
- Air Raid Shelter
- Air Raid Siren
- Nazi
- Blitz
- Holocaust

### Significant People



- Winston Churchill
- Neville Chamberlain
- Adolf Hitler
- Allies
- Axis
- Evacuees
- Billeting Officers
- Home Guard
- ARP Wardens
- Civilians
- Armed Forces

### When in History?

