

St Peter's Primary School

What I should already know:

There have been two major wars involving Britain.

- WW 1 was from 1914-1918.
- WW 1 was mainly fought in the trenches
- WW 2 was from 1939-1945

At the end of this topic, I will:

- Have a secure knowledge of the chronological events of WW2
- Use the correct historical terms Know how WW 2 affected Britain and our local area
- Know how the past is constructed from a range of primary and secondary sources

Key Facts:

- The Government issued gas masks to everyone in Britain
- German submarines were attacking British ships creating a shortage of supplies. This led to rationing.
- Propaganda posters were used to encourage citizens to act safely and support the war effort
- Air raid shelters were built in gardens called Anderson Shelters. Shelters under stairs or in a house were called Morrison Shelters
- Children were taught drills on how to get to safety in case of an air raid. Many children were evacuated from cities to the countryside. Women worked in factories, as mechanics, air force, farms



Year 6 History – World War 2 War at Home



Timeline of Events	
1918	The Treaty of Versailles signed ending WW1
1933	The Nazi Party (led by Adolf Hitler) came into power in Germany
1936	Hitler moved troops into Rhineland violating the terms of the Treaty of Versailles
1938	German troops invaded Austria
1939	German troops invaded Czechoslovakia
1 st September 1939	German troops invaded Poland
3 rd September 1939	Britain declares war on Germany.
July-October 1940	Battle of Britain – attacks on British towns, cities and ports from German air force
September 1940-May 1941	The Blitz attacks. German bomber planes attack Britain at night.
8 th May 1945	Victory Day (VE Day) in Europe – the day the war officially ended.



Vocabulary

Treaty	Written agreement between countries in which they agree to do a particular thing or to help each other
Tyrant	Someone who treats the people they have authority over in a cruel and unfair way
Violated	Breaking an agreement, law, or promise
Seize	Take control of a place quickly and suddenly, using force
Invasion	When a foreign army enters a country by force
Conflict	A serious disagreement and argument about something important
Fatality	A death caused by an accident or by violence
Holocaust	The killing of millions of Jews by the Nazis
Rationing	A system during World War 2 to limit the amount of food you were allowed to buy
Blitz	Attacked by bombs dropped by enemy aircraft
Evacuate	To send someone to a place of safety, away from a dangerous building, town, or area

Countries involved in World War 2

Allies	Axis
Great Britain USA Russia France	Germany Japan Italy