



Our Learning Keys

World War II

History

Year 4

Summer

Questions

- How and why did world war II begin?
- Who was involved and how?
- What was life like during the War?
- How did the war end?

Images



Vocabulary

Adolf Hitler - leader of Germany throughout World War 2.
Air raid - an attack in which bombs are dropped from aircraft on to a ground target.
Allies - the people who were fighting alongside us.
Anne Frank - a young Jewish girl who hid from the Nazis during the war and wrote a diary.
Atomic Bomb - a nuclear bomb that causes an enormous, devastating explosion.
Axis - the people we were fighting against (the enemy).
Blackout - when towns or cities are made dark so that they cannot be seen by enemy planes.
Concentration Camp - where Hitler sent Jewish people to be killed.
Gas Chamber - a room into which gas would be pumped.
Jew - a Jewish person - someone who follows Judaism.
Nazi - a member of the German political party National Socialists.
War - a state of armed conflict between different countries or different groups within a country.

Facts

- September 1, 1939 Germany invades Poland 2
- September 3, 1939 Britain and France declare war on Germany (start of WW2)
- 3 January, 1940 Rationing introduced across the UK
- 4 May to June, 1940 Dunkirk evacuated and France surrenders to Germany.
- 5 July, 1940 Germany launches air attacks on Great Britain (The Battle of Britain and the Blitz begins) Germany, Italy and Japan signed the Tripartite Pact creating the axis alliance
- 6 December 7, 1941 The Japanese attack the US navy in Pearl Harbor. The next day, the USA enters the war fighting with the allies
- 7 June 6, 1944 D-day and the Normandy invasion. Allied forces invade France and push back the Germans,
- 7 May 1945 Germany surrenders & victory in Europe is declared the next day
- 10 August 1945 Atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshima & Nagasaki, Japan by the US killing approximately 226,000 people
- 11 September 2, 1945 Japan surrenders signaling the end of WW2 12 July, 1954 Rationing ends in the UK

Previously...

Studied events beyond living memory that are significant nationally or globally.

Significant historical events, people and places in our locality.

Year 2 - the Great Fire of London.

Year 3 - The Romans

Next...

In Years 5 and 6, we will learn about the Stone age, iron age, Vikings and Anglo Saxons.

Links

- Literacy: Historical texts - The Tunnel.
- Geography: Where in the World did these events happen?

Doors this will open...

Historian

Armed forces

Politics

Museum curator

Social justice