

West Kirby Primary School		WW2 –The Battle of Britain	Y5 & Y6	Autumn Term 2022																																																								
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It began on 1st September 1939.</p> <p>Neville Chamberlain was the Prime Minister when war broke out, but Winston Churchill took over. Adolf Hitler was the leader of Germany.</p> <p>Germany intended to gain power and land and began to invade other countries to achieve this.</p> <p>There were two main sides – The Allies and the Axis countries – but many countries were involved. Some countries were neutral during WW2.</p> <p>The armed forces wore uniforms to support their roles and had specific tasks: Navy, Army and Air Force and veterans were used in the Home Guard.</p> <p>The Home Front was what the population who weren't involved in combat were expected to do and support the war. Their contribution was huge. This changed the role of women.</p> <p>During WW2 a system of rationing was implemented in order to cover food shortages caused by disruption to imports.</p> <p>People kept themselves safe during bombing by using air raids shelters. Children were also evacuated away from the cities to safer areas.</p> <p>The Battle of Britain was a turning point in the war. We will study this in more detail.</p> <p>Anne Frank wrote a famous diary about her experiences during the Holocaust.</p> <p>VE (Victory in Europe) Day marked the end of WW2.</p>	<table><tr><td>Allies</td><td>The United Kingdom, France and Poland, later joined by other countries, including the USSR (Soviet Union), the United States of America and China.</td></tr><tr><td>Anti-Semitism</td><td>Hostility towards or discrimination against Jewish people.</td></tr><tr><td>Axis</td><td>The Axis powers, Germany, Italy and Japan, were the nations that fought against the Allies in WW2.</td></tr><tr><td>Evacuated</td><td>To be sent away from a place of danger. 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<p>How Did World War II Start?</p> <p>The leader of Germany, Adolf Hitler, had plans to take over other countries. In March 1938, Germany invaded and annexed Austria, which made other countries worried. On 29th September 1938, British, French, German and Italian leaders signed a treaty called the Munich Agreement. This allowed Hitler to annex the Sudetenland (an area of Czechoslovakia) if he agreed not to invade anywhere else. However, in August 1939, Hitler broke the agreement and invaded the rest of Czechoslovakia, followed by Poland on 1st September. Britain, France and Poland had made a pact to support each other, so Britain and France declared war on Germany.</p> <p><i>*A European country. Now two countries: the Czech Republic and Slovakia</i></p>			<p>Ideas to think about...</p> <p>What happened to the cities that were destroyed during the war?</p> <p>How long did rationing last?</p> <p>What happened to Germany after WW2?</p> <p>What is VJ day and when did it happen?</p> <p>What was the role of the US in WW2?</p>																																																									

Timeline

AD 1900

1914-1918 - World War I

1939-1945 - World War II

1969 - First Moon landing

AD 2000

1901 - Queen Victoria dies

1928 - All women given right to vote

1953 - Coronation of Elizabeth II

1991 - World Wide Web launched