



Year 6
Autumn 1: World War 2

Vocabulary

Anderson shelter	An air raid shelter built in peoples' gardens. Morrison shelters were cages people slept in.
Allies	Britain, Russia, France and USA working together in WW2.
Axis powers	Germany, Japan and Italy working together in WW2.
Propaganda	Propaganda is a way of spreading ideas and influencing people. This can be in posters or through the radio.
Blitz	Bombs dropped on the enemy from planes.
Blackout	The government made everyone turn their lights off at night so that enemy planes couldn't see their targets.
Dictator	A single person who takes power and makes decision themselves.
Nazi Party	The name of the political party led by Adolf Hitler.
Treaty	A written agreement between countries so that something has to happen.
Rationing	A system of limiting the amount of food and resources that each person gets.
The Home Front	People who helped the British people stay safe. They gave gas masks, built shelters and helped control rationing.
Holocaust	The killing of millions of Jews by the Nazis.



Need to know knowledge:

- 1) Know that the First World War (WW1) was fought between 1914 – 1918.
- 2) Know that the Second World War (WW2) was fought between 1939 - 1945.
- 3) Know that most of the world's countries became involved in the conflict forming two military alliances:
 - Allies (Britain, France, Russia and USA)
 - Axis Powers (Germany, Italy and Japan)
- 4) Know that the Treaty of Versailles was a peace agreement to avoid future wars. It punished and blamed Germany for WW1.
- 5) Know that in 1933 the Nazi Party came to power in Germany. Hitler became the chancellor and called himself the 'Führer' (leader).
- 6) Know that the German Luftwaffe started to attack at night. This was called the 'Blitz' (Blitzkrieg = lightning war).



Nice to know knowledge:

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

Famous People	
Neville Chamberlain	Prime Minister of Britain during the Prime Minister of Britain during the outbreak of World War 2.
Winston Churchill	Prime Minister of Britain for the majority World War 2.
Franklin D Roosevelt	President of the USA during World War 2.
Joseph Stalin	Leader of Russia during World War 2
Benito Mussolini	Leader of Italy during World War 2
Adolf Hitler	Leader of the Nazi Party

