

# Year Six: World War II

## Knowledge Organiser



### The Big Idea



Many different events led up to the beginning of World War II and this piece of British history has shaped the way we live here in Britain today including British Values and British Culture.

#### Why did World War II happen?

WWI started because countries were trying to expand their empires. WWII was not the "war to end all wars" as the second World War (often referred to as World War II) occurred 21 years later and was the deadliest. WWII was different to previous wars as it was the first time that civilians at home were directly involved in the war.



#### Who were the Allies and the Axis?



Great Britain



France



Russia



USA



Germany



Italy



Japan



Hungary

The Allies included Britain, France, USA and Russia. The Axis included Germany, Italy and Japan.

#### Who were Hitler and Churchill and why were they so important?

Adolf Hitler became the leader of the Nazi Party in 1921. Winston Churchill was the Prime Minister of the UK during WWII.



#### What were rations?



Rationing made sure that people got an equal amount of food every week.

#### What was the Blitz?

The term 'blitz' is derived from German word 'Blitzkrieg' meaning 'Lightning War'. It lasted from September 1940 to May 1941 and bomber planes would attack at night. Air Raid Sirens were used to warn people of the raids.



### Vocabulary

allies    evacuees    black out    rationing    air raid shelter  
Anderson shelter    trenches    axis    blitz