Key Vocabulary

Winston Churchill	Prime Minister of UK 1940 - 1945
Invade	The movement of an army into a region or country, usually during a war
Nazi	A political party in Germany led by Adolf Hitler
Adolf Hitler	Leader of Nazi Germany – He was responsible for starting WW2 and the Holocaust
Evacuation	Moving children from the big cities out into the countryside to protect them
Gas mask	A mask to protect them from gas bombs
Rationing	Equal amounts of food to families each week
Antisemitism	Prejudice against Jews
The Blitz	Heavy and frequent bombing attacks on London – every day and night for 11 weeks
Holocaust	Mass murder of millions of European Jews by German Nazis
Allies	Countries that trusted each other and worked together
Concentration Camps	A place where the Germans put people they did not like such as Jewish people
Air raid shelter	Bomb shelters to protect against enemy attacks

Key Facts

World War 2 1939 – 1945
WW2 involved 61 countries with 1.7 billion people (3/4 of the world's population). 50,000,000 people lost their lives and hundreds of millions people were injured.

Why did the war start?
The Second World War started on 1st September 1939 when Germany attacked Poland to take over the land. Britain and France then declared war on Germany after Hitler refused to remove his army.

Why did the war end?
On 8th May 1945, Germany gave up and Winston Churchill announced Victory in Europe (VE Day) – this marks the end of WW2 in Europe.

How did people protect themselves during the war?
Children and some women were evacuated to the countryside. People carried gas masks to protect themselves from a possible gas attack. People built air raid shelters in their gardens. All windows and doors were blacked out to make it harder for the enemy places to spot where they lived.

Blitz

Anderson shelter

Adolf Hitler
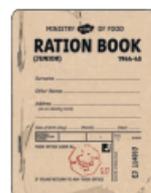

swastika
Nazi flag

Winston Churchill

gas mask

evacuee children

army

ration book

gestapo officer

Spitfire