

# Year 6 History World War 2

## What should I already know

The outcome of World War 1

The reasons that Germany was unhappy at the end of World War 1

The children will probably recognise the name Adolf Hitler and the Nazi party.

That conflicts between countries arise because of a power struggle or a desire for land or resources.

## Historical skills and enquiry

Understand how our knowledge about the past is constructed from a variety of sources.

Confidently use a variety of sources.

Have a chronologically secure understanding of the major events of World War 2.

Explain some of the changes that took place during and as a result of World War 2

## Vocabulary

Axis :Countries which fought on the German side (including: Italy, Germany, Japan, Russia (1939-1941))

Allies :Countries which fought on the British side (including: USA, Great Britain, France, Russia (1941-1945))

Nazi: Member of the German political party which came to power in 1933.

Evacuation: Organised movement of children and the vulnerable from towns and cities to safe zones.

Evacuee: Someone who was evacuated, moved from a danger area to a safer place.

Blackout: System of ensuring no lights were visible after dark so that buildings could not be spotted by enemy planes.

Rationing; The controlled distribution of scarce resources ( food/ clothing

Blitz: series of bombing raids on the UK .

United Nations; Organization set up in 1945 by the Allies to work for world peace.

Propaganda Controlling news media (such as radio) to show your side in the best way.

Holocaust: Mass murder of Jews and other groups of people by the Nazis.

Atomic Bomb: Weapon first used in 1945 when two bombs were

## **Significant People**

Neville Chamberlain: British Prime minister 1937 to May 1940

Winston Churchill: British Prime minister 1940 to 1945 and again from 1951 to 1955.

Adolf Hitler: Leader of the Nazi Party and Chancellor of Germany 1933- 1945. Also referred to as Fuhrer.

King Georg VI : Monarch 11 December 1936 - 6 February 1952. Father of Elizabeth II

## **A Timeline of World War II**

