

What role did Britain play in World War II?

Key Vocabulary

Air raid shelter = a building to protect people from bombs dropped by planes

Axis = The alliance of Germany and Italy in 1936 which later included Japan and other nations.

Allies = The Allies of World War II, called the United Nations from the 1 January 1942 declaration, were the countries that together opposed the Axis powers during the Second World War.

Black out = system of ensuring no lights were visible after dark so that buildings could not be spotted by enemy planes

Blitz = series of aerial bombing raids on the UK

Nazi = a member of the far-right political party in Germany

Evacuation = The removal of persons or things from an endangered area.

Military = The military forces of a nation, exclusive of the navy and in some countries the air force.

Propaganda = information, especially of a biased or misleading nature, used to promote a political cause or point of view.

Ration = A fixed allowance of provisions or food, especially for soldiers or sailors or for civilians during a shortage.



Key Questions

1. What is modern-day Germany like, and how was it ruled before the start of WW2?
2. How did Hitler come to power and become the leader of Germany?
3. How did WWII start?
4. How did Britain react to the outbreak of WWII?
5. How were the lives of civilians changed during WWII?
6. How did Britain's Home Front cope when under attack?
7. How did WWII impact Kearsley?
8. Why was the RAF so vital to the defence of Britain?
9. What major victories led to Britain winning the war?

Golden Threads

Civilisation	
Empire	
Monarchy	
Rebellion	

Leaders

United Kingdom



Born: 30th Nov 1874
Died: 24th Jan 1965

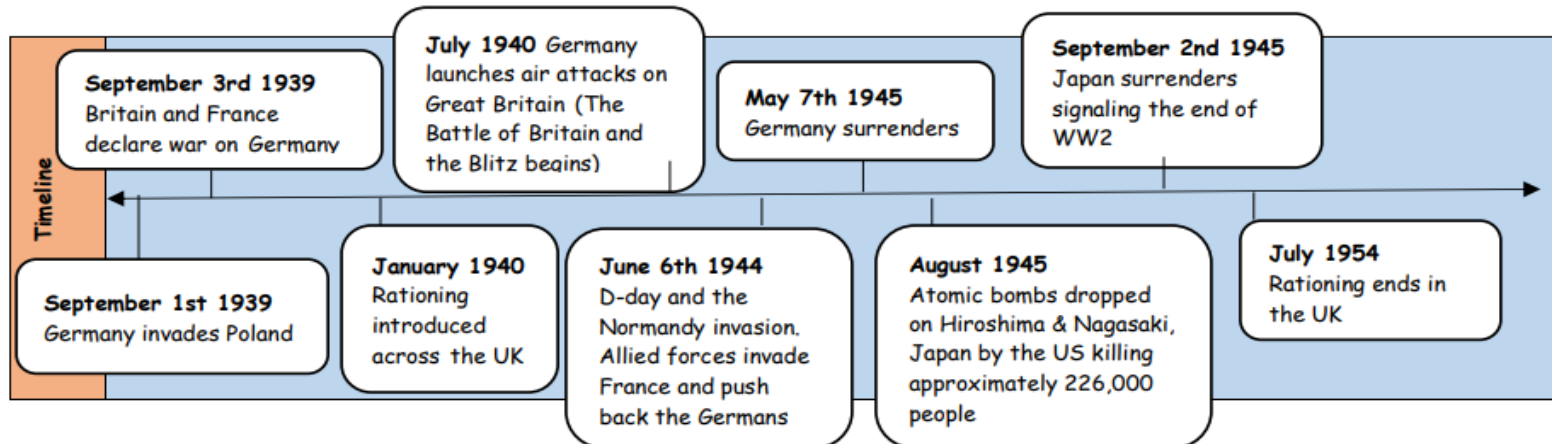
"I am easily satisfied with the very best."
Winston Churchill

Germany



Born: 20th April 1889
Died: 30th April 1945

"Strength lies not in defence but in attack."
Adolf Hitler



The war was fought between

Axis Powers

Germany



Adolf Hitler

Italy



Benito Mussolini

Japan



Hideki Tojo

Allied Powers

United Kingdom



Winston Churchill

France



Charles De Gaulle

Russia



Joseph Stalin

USA



Franklin D Roosevelt

World War II in Europe 1939–1941



How was school involved?

There was a temporary RAF base at the bottom of the school field.



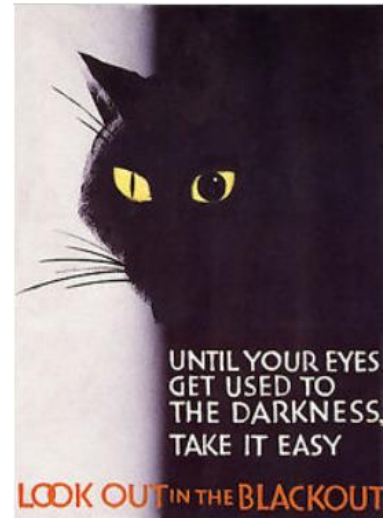
Barrage balloons could be seen hovering above what was the power station on Slackey Brow.



DIG for Victory



GROW YOUR OWN VEGETABLES



UNTIL YOUR EYES GET USED TO THE DARKNESS TAKE IT EASY

LOOK OUT IN THE BLACKOUT

Evacuees

Our school had several evacuee children join us. Their evacuation was organised by their families and not an official scheme.

Did you know that a rogue bomb landed on what used to be the Co-op shop on Springfield Road? It landed after the air raid siren came to an end on August 28th 1940.