

Year 6 Term 3: World War 2

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	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 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
Anne Frank	A victim of the Holocaust who kept a diary of her time in hiding

Countries Involved in World War 2	
Allies	Axis
Great Britain USA Russia France	Germany Japan Italy

The Home Front
The Government issued gas masks to everyone in Britain
German submarines were attacking British ships creating a shortage of supplies. This led to rationing .
Propaganda posters were used to encourage citizens to act safely and support the war effort
Air raid shelters were built in gardens called Anderson Shelters .
Shelters under stairs or in a house were called Morrison Shelters .

Women and Children at War
Children were taught drills on how to get to safety in case of an air raid.
Many children were evacuated from cities to the countryside.
Women worked in factories, as mechanics, air force, farms
Women became more independent, felt valued and were an important part of victory.

Propaganda Posters
Propaganda posters were used to encourage citizens to act safely and support the war effort.
'Make Do and Mend'
'Loose Lips Sink Ships'
'Careless Talk Costs Lives'
'Dig for Victory'
'Let us go forward together'

Vocabulary Dozen	
treaty	written agreement between countries in which they agree to do a particular thing or to help each other
tyrant	someone who treats the people they have authority over in a cruel and unfair way
violated	breaking an agreement, law, or promise
seize	taking control of a place quickly and suddenly, using force.
invasion	when a foreign army enters a country by force.
abort	stopping a process, plan, or activity before it has been completed.
conflict	a serious disagreement and argument about something important
fatality	a death caused by an accident or by violence
Holocaust	the killing of millions of Jews by the Nazis
rationing	A system during World War 2 to limit the amount of food you were allowed to buy.
Blitz	attacked by bombs dropped by enemy aircraft
evacuate	to send someone to a place of safety, away from a dangerous building, town, or area

Quotations
<p>'We shall fight on the beaches, we shall fight on the landing grounds, we shall fight in the fields and in the streets, we shall fight in the hills; we shall never surrender'</p> <p>Winston Churchill, September 1940</p>