

# Year 6—History—World War II



## Essential Knowledge

World War II began in 1939 and ended in 1945.

Britain declared war on Germany due to the invasion of Poland.

The key allies were Britain, France and the USA and the axis were Germany, Italy and Japan.

Key cities were bombed during the Battle of Britain and the Blitz (1940-1941).

Many children were evacuated to the countryside and there were both positive and negative experiences.

The home front played a key role in the war: rationing, the women in factories, the home guard, firefighting, gas masks and bomb shelters etc.

Propaganda posters were used to gain the support of the public on both sides.

### Sensational Start

**What was life like in Bedford during WW2?**

Speakers and investigations.

### Extraordinary Extra

**Outdoor Learning**

Making Anderson Shelters

### Fabulous Finish

**Celebration Day**

VE celebrations  
16th May

### Extras

#### Key Dates

Curriculum Zoom: ???  
SATs Week: 12th -15th May  
Kids World: 19th May  
Summer Concert: 23rd May

#### PE days

Hillary: Tuesday and Thursday  
Fields: Tuesday and Wednesday

Core Subjects:  
Links to theme

## World War 2 — Theme Content—National Curriculum links

### English

**Key Texts :**  
**Goodnight Mister Tom.**

### Maths

**Shape:** Angles, properties of shapes.

**Position and Direction:**  
Coordinates, reflection, translation.

**SATs Revision**

### Science

**Animals Including Humans:**

**Circulatory System**

Identify and name the parts of the human circulatory system and describe the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood.

### Foundation Subjects

#### History

**World War 2**  
What started the war?  
The Home Front—1939-1945  
Evacuation  
Propaganda

#### Music

**Singing:**  
**Songs of WW2.**  
We will learn songs such as 'Pack up your troubles in your old kit bag' and 'We'll meet again' and musical vocabulary.

#### French

**Planning a French Holiday.**  
The children will: learn the countries of the world, about using tenses and write more complex sentences.

#### Computing

**The History of Computing:**  
Linked to Bletchley Park.  
Learning about the history of computers and how they have evolved over time.

#### Art and Design Unit

**Art Day**  
Drawings inspired by Henry Moore's WW2 artwork.

#### PE

Striking and Fielding  
Team Building

#### RE

**Christianity:**  
What did Jesus do to save people?

#### DT Day

**Structures:**  
**Playgrounds.**  
Designing a playground featuring a variety of different structures, giving consideration to how the structures will be used.

#### RSE & British Values

Relationships  
Tolerance