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.

Extras

Key Dates	PE days
Curriculum Zoom: 18th April	Hillary: Tuesday and Wednesday
SATs Week: 13th -17th May	Fields: Tuesday and Wednesday
Kids World: 20th May	Chandi: Wednesday and Friday
Summer Concert & Picnic: 24th May	

Core Subjects: Links to theme	Victorian Britain—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