

Year 6 - Autumn Term 1 - World War II

Key Vocabulary	Definition
Allies	Countries who join forces in a war.
Axis	Opposing countries or enemies in a war
Neutral	Countries which do not take sides in a war, hoping to avoid attack.
Treaty	An agreement negotiated between different countries
Occupied	When a country takes control of another by force
Evacuee	Children who were sent away from cities for their safety to rural areas
Ration	A set amount of food allowed for each person
Reconnaissance	Secretly collecting information about enemies
RAF	The Royal Air Force (British)
Luftwaffe	The German Air Force
WAAF	Women's Auxiliary Air Force

This is a history topic.
We will be working as historians.



Winston Churchill was the Prime Minister of Great Britain from 1940-1945.



Evacuees



Everyone carried a gas mask with them at all times.

Adolf Hitler was an Austrian-born German politician who was the dictator of Germany from 1933 until 1945.



WAAF RADAR operators. RADAR was considered to be Britain's best kept secret.



The Blitz was a period between 1940 and 1941 when British cities were heavily bombed by German forces. (Blitzkrieg means 'lightning war' in German.) Many children were evacuated from the city to the countryside.



Propaganda examples from WWII. The information aimed to make people think a certain way - sometimes to inspire and sometimes to warn.



Pounds, shillings and pence (imperial) were the currency used during WWII.



Rationing was brought in so that everyone had a fair share of food as there were shortages of some products due lack of trading.

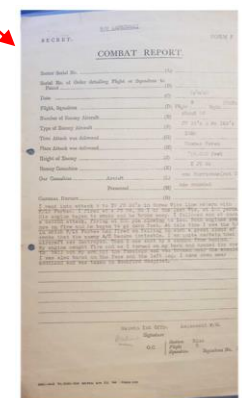


The Battle of Britain was fought between the RAF and the Luftwaffe. The RAF pilots recorded what had happened during flight in a combat report.



The Battle of Britain

July - October 1940





Must Knows Year 6 – World War II

Key Facts

- World War II began in 1939 and ended in 1945.
- Winston Churchill was Prime Minister of the UK during most of World War II.
- Adolf Hitler was the Fuhrer (dictator) of Germany from 1933 until 1945.
- Propaganda posters were used during WWII to encourage and inspire, as well as to warn.
- The German Air Force were called the Luftwaffe.
- The Battle of Britain was fought between the Royal Air Force (Great Britain) and the Luftwaffe.
- The Battle of Britain took place between July and October in 1940.
- Spitfire and Hurricane were types of aircraft used by the RAF.
- Members of the Women's Auxiliary Air Force (WAAF) served as RADAR operators and worked as plotters, tracking raids.
- During WWII, money was in pounds, shillings and pence (imperial) – this changed to the metric system (pounds and pence) in 1971.
- Rationing was brought in so that everyone had a fair share of food as there were shortages of some products.
- During 'The Blitz', many children were evacuated from cities like London to rural areas where it was safer – these children are known as *evacuees*.