



World War II



For almost six years, from 1939 to 1945 Britain fought the toughest war it had ever experienced. World War II was total war – every person, every business, every service was involved. Britain did not fight alone – the war also involved many countries. World War II involved 61 countries with 1.7 billion people (three quarters of the world's population).

Fifty million people lost their lives and hundreds of millions were injured.

English	Our English lessons will be based on Michael Morpurgo's <i>Friend or Foe</i> , which is a poignant story of secrecy and adventure set in during World War Two. Two boys are evacuated to the Devon countryside. Our Reading will be based on <i>Kensuke's Kingdom</i> another story by the well-known author Michael Morpurgo. It is a tale of an extraordinary friendship between two castaways from different cultures who are thrown together due to unfortunate circumstances.
Maths	During our Maths sessions this term, children will be learning about the following: multiplication and division, fractions, decimals and percentages, perimeter, area and volume, statistics, ratio and algebra.
Science	As part of Science, children will learn about Forces and explain that unsupported objects fall towards the Earth because of the force of gravity. They will identify the effects of air resistance, water resistance and friction that act between moving surfaces. Children will recognise that some mechanisms including levers, pulleys and gears allow a smaller force to have a greater effect. Also, children will learn about Living things in their habitats, including life cycles of mammals, birds, amphibians, insects and reptiles and the reproduction in plants and animals.
History	Children will learn about the key events that triggered the start of World War Two. They will learn about the countries that were involved and the roles that the different leaders of these countries played during WW2. As well as this, children will also learn about the effects of war in Britain.
Geography	Children will locate the countries involved in World War Two focusing on Europe including Russia. Children will also learn about significant battles and their locations focusing on D-Day and the importance of Dunkirk during the war. We will focus on UK geographical regions when studying evacuation and land use during 'Dig for Victory'.
Art & DT	Children will be creating Blitz drawings using pencils and charcoal. Children will also learn to knit and sew by creating pattern pieces as part of their 'Make Do and Mend' project.
Computing	Children will understand how flat-file databases can be organised and how tools within them can be used to order and answer questions. Children will create graphs and charts and use real life databases to answer questions. Children will also begin to create vector drawings by using shapes and lines. Children will continue to learn how to keep themselves and others safe online, we will discuss online relationships, online reputations and online bullying.
MFL	Children will be building upon their French vocabulary when learning about items of clothing in French.
Music	Children will experience a range of musical activities from the 1940's to the present-day including songs by Vera Lynn and Adele.
PSHE	Children discuss their dreams and goals and how they can keep themselves healthy.

