



What should I already know?

I will have some knowledge about WW2 from studies in Lower School but also books read in English lessons and from online sources and games I may have played.

From my history studies I know about the quality of life and changes Britain faced during the Victorian era, and should hopefully recognise Britain as a powerful country within Europe and the world.

Living in WW2: Big questions

<p>What caused World War 2? This first enquiry will explore the different causes of World War 2.</p>	<p>What happened during World War? Having learnt about the causes we will create a timeline illustrating the key events of the war.</p>	<p>What was it like living at home? This sequence of lessons will explore the living conditions of people in the cities of England during the war.</p>
<p>Why do I have to leave my home? Having established the dangers of cities, we will investigate what was done to keep children safe in war.</p>	<p>How safe am I? Using Anne Franks diary we will compare the experiences of children in England and Europe during the war.</p>	<p>How important were the W.A.A.F? We will investigate the role the W.A.A.F played during the Battle of Britain.</p>

Campaign poster



Evacuee children



Battle of Britain timeline

1940	
August 1st	Hitler decreed the Battle of Britain with the command "The German Air Force is to overcome the British Air Force with all means at its disposal, and as soon as possible."
August 13th	"Eagle Day". The Luftwaffe launched its offensive against Britain, with 1,485 sorties. The Germans lost 45 'planes and the RAF 13.
August 15th	A day of intense attacks. The Luftwaffe launched a total of 1,790 sorties and lose 75 'planes. The RAF lost 34.
August 17th	The Germans established an 'operational area' around Britain. In it, any ship was to be sunk without warning.
August 25th	The RAF launched its first raid on Berlin.
September 7th	Some 300 German bombers, escorted by 600 fighters, attack London.
September 15th	The RAF claimed to have shot down 183 German 'planes - a figure later found to be inflated.
September 17th	Hitler postponed "Operation Sealion" until further notice.
October 12th	"Operation Sealion" postponed until 1941.



Vocabulary

Declare	Openly state you are for or against (a party or position) in an argument.
Chronological	A record of events following the order in which they occurred.
Campaign	An organized course of action to achieve a goal.
Propaganda	Information, especially of a biased or misleading nature, used to promote a political cause or point of view.
Bias	Focus for or against one person or group, especially in a way considered to be unfair.
Ration	A fixed amount of a resource officially allowed to each person during a time of shortage, as in wartime.
Nazi	A member of the National Socialist German Workers' Party.
RAF	Royal Air Force
Luftwaffe	German Air Force
WAAF	Women's Auxiliary Air Force
Auxiliary	Providing supplementary or additional help and support.
Air raid	An attack in which bombs are dropped from aircraft on to a ground target.
Anderson shelter	A small prefabricated air-raid shelter of a type built in the UK during the Second World War.
Gas mask	A protective mask used to cover a person's face as a defence against poison gas.
Blitz	The German air raids on Britain in 1940–1.
Evacuee	A person evacuated from a place of danger.

Diary: What happened to Anne Frank?	What did the W.A.A.F do?

Key skills/Timeline/Topic Questions

D.K Eyewitness: WW2 (Y6)

The Railway Children by E. Nesbit – The classic tale of children whose father suddenly goes away. They move to the country, love the local railway and solve the mystery that will bring their father home. (Y6)

When We Were Warriors by Emma Carroll – Ordinary children living in the extraordinary times of the Second World War. (Y6)

Goodnight, Mr Tom by Michelle Magorian – A young evacuee leaves a terrible life and finds a loving home with a gruff, kindly man, but what will happen when he has to return home? (Y6)