



Endpoints for History

Year 6 – Hope, Heroes and the Home Front



We will explore the key causes of the Second World War and its impact on people in Britain. We will learn about evacuation, the Battle of Britain, the Blitz, and everyday life on the home front, using evidence and stories. We will also explore wartime jobs, propaganda posters and the events leading to Victory in Europe Day.

What I know and can explain

Key causes of the Second World War include the impact of the Treaty of Versailles on Germany

The Second World War lasted from 1939 to 1945

Key events on the home front in Britain include the evacuation of children from cities, the declaration of war, the Battle of Britain, the Blitz and VE Day

Children were evacuated from cities because of the threat of war and the possibility that cities could be targeted

Children packed the belongings they could carry and travelled to a village or town that was thought to be safer

The Battle of Britain was a key turning point in the Second World War for Britain

The Royal Air Force stopped the Luftwaffe and the planned invasion was abandoned

Photographs and eyewitness accounts show how the Blitz affected the lives of ordinary people

Posters provide evidence of life on the home front

Useful Vocabulary

Adolf Hitler – The leader of the Nazi party in Germany

Air raid – An enemy attack from the air

Anderson shelter - A type of air raid shelter built from curved, corrugated steel panels

Blackout - The reduction of outdoor light at night, to make it harder for enemy aircraft to see and bomb populated areas

Blitz - A German bombing campaign against British towns and cities during the Second World War in 1940 and 1941

Evacuate – To leave a place or building

Home front - The people who stay in their own country during a foreign war and take part in activities to support the war effort

Morrison shelter - An indoor, table-shaped shelter, designed for those without access to a cellar or alternative shelter

Rationing - The limited supply of food, clothes and other goods to prevent shortages