

Key Questions

When, why and where did WWII take place?
What was the 'Blitz' and where did it happen?
What would a family have done to protect itself during the war?
Do you think 'Operation Pied Piper' was a success?
How do we know if home-life was affected by the war?
How do we remember and show respect for soldiers who died in the war?
Was it all 'doom and gloom' in wartime?

Assessment Questions:

How would you have felt growing up during WWII?
What aspects of daily life would have had the biggest impact on your childhood in wartime Britain?



Year 6 Autumn Term Life in WWII Britain



HISTORY A study of an aspect or theme in British history that extends pupils' chronological knowledge beyond 1066, e.g. Battle of Britain (WWII)

HISTORY SKILLS

HISTORICAL INTERPRETATION

Discern how and why contrasting arguments and interpretations of the past have been constructed
Understand how our knowledge of the past is constructed from a range of sources.

HISTORICAL ENQUIRY

Understand how evidence is used to make historical claims
Construct informed responses that involve thoughtful selection and organisation of relevant historical information.

HISTORY KNOWLEDGE

KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING OF EVENTS, PEOPLE AND CHANGES

Understand historical concepts cause and consequence
Use this understanding to make connections and draw contrasts
Address and devise historically valid questions about change, cause, similarity and difference, and significance.

CHRONOLOGICAL UNDERSTANDING

Develop a chronologically secure knowledge and understanding of British, local and world history, establishing clear narratives within and across the WWII period.

Super Start:

Classroom in the Blitz

Trip or Visitor or Event:

Imperial War Museum/Redbridge Library Museum – virtual/War memorial

Outcome:

Poetry; propaganda posters; debate

Fabulous Finish:

Debate video; poetry recital

Related Read Aloud Texts:

Reading for Pleasure:

Carrie's War by Nina Bawden
Goodnight Mister Tom by Michelle Magorian
The Buried Crown by Ally Sherrick
Friend or Foe by Michael Morpurgo
Now or Never. A Dunkirk Story by Bali Rai
When the Sky Falls by Phil Earle
Hero on a Bicycle by Shirley Hughes
Mohinder's War by Bali Rai
White Bird by R J Palacio

English Texts:

Rose Blanche - Roberto Innocenti and Ian McEwan
Letters from the Lighthouse - Emma Carroll
Rocca San Giovanni – George Frasier Gaille
The Night of Death – John Ratigan

ART AND DESIGN

Drawing

drawing, observation, tone, line, texture, illustration and visual diaries, introduction to charcoal and chalks

ART FOCUS/OUTCOMES

WWII documentation and visual diaries

ARTISTS

WWII artists, e.g. links to the use of the tube as bomb shelters /
<https://www.tate.org.uk/art/art-terms/w/war-artists/> / Christopher Richard Wynne Nevinson. 1889–1946. / John Singer Sargent. 1856–1925. / Paul Nash. 1889–1946. / Henry Moore OM, CH. 1898–1986.

GEOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL SKILLS AND FIELDWORK

Use maps, atlases and globes to locate countries and describe features studied.

LOCATIONAL KNOWLEDGE

Locate the world's countries, using maps to focus on ally and axis countries and major cities, physical & human features of the land

DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY TEXTILES & ELECTRONICS

Understand and use electrical systems in their products [for example, series circuits incorporating switches, bulbs, buzzers and motors].
Creating a basic circuit using conductive thread and/or tap.
Sewing, sticking and fixing of fabrics.
Ergonomics.
Investigate and analyse a range of existing products.

AREAS NOT LINKED

PE – Games; ball skills (rugby/basketball)
Science – Electricity; Light
Computing – Computing Systems - Communications and Collaboration;
Computational Thinking
RE – Christianity; Sikhism
Music – Developing Melodic phrases;
Understanding structure and form
PSHE – Living in the Wider World

Useful Websites

National Geographic Kids
<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/history/general-history/world-war-two/>
Primary Homework Help site
<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/Britain.html>
Snaith Primary website - Home Front (click on the pictures)
<http://home.freeuk.net/elloughton13/wwar.htm>
BBC Bitesize Remembrance
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/search?q=remembrance>