

Our Lady's Catholic Primary School - Knowledge Organiser

History/Geography

World War II

Year 6

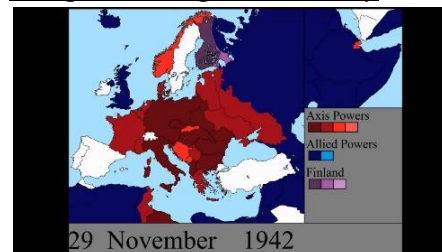
Vocabulary & Explanation

- **Active Service** - Taking part in a military operation as part of the armed forces.
- **Adolf Hitler** – Leader of the Nazi Party
- **Allies** - The United Kingdom, France and Poland, later joined by other countries, including the USSR (Soviet Union), the United States of America and China.
- **Anne Frank** -Jewish Anne Frank hid in 1942 from the Nazi's and wrote a famous diary.
- **Annex** - To take another country's land and make it part of your country.
- **Atomic Bomb** - A very high-energy bomb made of radioactive material.
- **Axis** - The Axis Powers were originally Germany, Japan and Italy. Other countries joined them later.
- **Blitz** – The bombings across the UK that resulted in the black out.
- **D – Day** - Allied forces launching a combined naval, air and land assault on Nazi-occupied France.
- **Czechoslovakia** - A European country. Now two countries: the Czech Republic and Slovakia.
- **Holocaust** - A period in history at the time of WWII when millions of Jews were killed because of who they were.
- **Nazi Party** - A German political party with racist and anti-Jewish ideas, led by Adolf Hitler.
- **Propaganda** - Information designed to promote a political idea or opinion.
- **Rationing** - Rationing is the controlled distribution of scarce resources at the time, such as food.

What I should already know

- I know some of the countries involved in the war.
- I know there have been two World Wars.
- I know some of the main political leaders from the war.
- I know WWII occurred in the 20th Century.
- I know many people lost their lives as a result of WWII.

Images / Diagrams / Map



Map of occupied Europe in 1942



Allied forces arriving in occupied France

Key facts & Information

- Before World War 2 began, Germany was ruled by a man named Adolf Hitler.
- Together with the Nazi Party, he wanted Germany to rule Europe.
- World War II lasted from 1939 to 1945.
- World War II began when German troops invaded Poland.
- Over the 4 years, there were 15 million deaths in battle, with 25 million also wounded in battle.
- The blitz began in September 1940 and ended in 1941.
- In total, there were 45 million civilian deaths
- During the war, 194 countries became involved.
- Total cost of the war was 1.29 trillion US Dollars
- On the 10th May 1940, Winston Churchill becomes the new Prime Minister of the United Kingdom.
- To make the British weak, the Germans tried to cut off supplies of food and other goods.
- The British were forced to ration their foods and services.
- During WWII, Germany was creating concentration camps, designed for the mass murder of Europe's Jews.
- In 1944, an Allied army crossed from Britain to free France from Nazi rule. One year later, Allied armies invaded Germany, forcing the Germans to surrender on the 7th May 1945.

Timeline of Events / Key Dates

Key Events		
1939	1 st September	German troops invade Poland.
	3 rd September	Britain and France declare war on Germany.
1940	10 th May	The Battle of France begins.
	26 th May	Allied forces are evacuated from Dunkirk in France.
	10 th July	The Battle of Britain begins.
	7 th September	The Blitz begins.
1941	22 nd June	Germany invades the USSR (Soviet Union).
	7 th December	Japan bombs Pearl Harbor in the US.
1943	16 th and 17 th May	The Dambusters bombing raid is carried out.
1944	6 th June	The D-Day landings.
1945	7 th May	Germany surrenders to the Allies.
	6 th and 9 th August	The US drops atomic bombs on two cities in Japan.