



Year 6 Autumn Term 2

History: WWII



### Key Vocabulary

<b>Commonwealth</b>	Commonwealth is a family (or group) of nations from every continent.
<b>Government</b>	The system of rules and the people who make and enforce them is known as a government.
<b>Invasion</b>	The movement of an army into a region, usually in a hostile attack that's part of a war or conflict.
<b>Society</b>	All the groups of people that share the same laws, rights, and resources.

### Key Facts

<b>When did World War 2 take place and who fought in it?</b>	World War 2 was a battle between two groups of countries - the 'Allies' and the 'Axis'.
<b>What was the Blitz and how did it affect people living in Britain?</b>	In September 1940, German bombers began targeting key cities across Britain. The bombing during the blitz was incredibly damaging.
<b>Who was evacuated?</b>	Due to the Blitz, some people were evacuated to keep them safe, such as many children, pregnant women and other vulnerable people.
<b>What was the Battle of Britain?</b>	The Battle of Britain was a turning point for WW2. Britain's win prevented a German invasion and was also the first defeat of Hitler's military forces in WW2. This allowed Britain and her allies more time to plan a defence and attack.

This half term, our Big Question is...

What was it like to live through WW2?

### Key Dates

September 1,	2 September
Hitler invaded Poland. 2 days later, Britain and France declared war on Germany.	WW2 ended on VJ day. Previously, on the 8th May, the war had officially ended in Europe.



## Where does it fit in to the big story?



We are learning about the Second World War. How many years are there between the end of the First World War and the start of the Second? Do you think much had changed in Britain between them?



What do we already know?

So far...

You have learned how commonwealth countries contributed to the First World War, and how many empires we dramatically changed by that war.

You have used a range of artefacts and sources to find out about the past.

You have thought about historical events have shaped our local area.

