

# World War 2 – the home front (History and Geography) | Year 3/4 Kingfisher Class | Spring

Timeline			Significant Events		Vocabulary				
1	1933	Hitler becomes leader of Germany	1	Precautions taken to keep people safe during the war – gas masks, blackouts ARP wardens, bomb shelters (Anderson and Morrison shelters)	1	Prime Minister	The elected political leader of the country		
2	1938-39	Nazis invade Austria, Czechoslovakia and Poland			2	Dunkirk (Operation Dynamo) rescue by the 'little ships' of the British and French Soldiers – Wiston Churchill speech	2	Axis	The counties that fought together against the allies
3	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept 1939	Britain and France declared war on Germany as they refused to withdraw from Poland			3	Battle of Britain – Operation Sealion and Britain's defences against it	3	Allies	The countries that fought together against the axis
4	10 <sup>th</sup> May 1940	Winston Churchill became Prime Minister			4	Evacuation – Battle of Britain and The Blitz	4	Evacuation	The movement of children from their homes in the city to the countryside
5	27th May – 4 <sup>th</sup> June 1940	Rescue at Dunkirk (Operation Dynamo)			5	D – Day landings – code breaking using the enigma machines – choice of location	5	Blitz	The bombing of major cities during the war
6	July 1940	Battle of Britain			6	VE Day - Victory in Europe	6	Invasion	When troops from one country seize power from another
7	7 <sup>th</sup> Sept 1940	Blitz began			Significant People		7	Rationing	When food and materials were limited so people were given a small quantity of each
8	September 15 <sup>th</sup> 1940	Battle of Britain Day (End of Battle of Britain)	1	Adolf Hitler	Geographical Knowledge		1 To know locations of European countries that played a part in the start of WW2 ( Germany, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Great Britain and France)		
9	11 <sup>th</sup> May 1941	Blitz Ended	2	Neville Chamberlain	2 To identify France, Holland, Belgium on map (invasion by Nazis)				
10	6 <sup>th</sup> June 1944	D Day Landings	3	Winston Churchill	3 Features of the English Channel and the coasts of Southern England and Northern France				
11	8 <sup>th</sup> May 1945	VE Day	4	LS Lowry					
12	15 <sup>th</sup> Aug 1945	VJ Day	5	Alan Turing					

## Geographical Knowledge

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## Session Sequence - History , Geography, English WW2

Session	Key Learning	Activity
1	Learn about events that led up to Britain and France declaring war on Germany in 1939 & place significant events on timeline	Beginning WW2 timeline
2	Learn locations of countries in Europe that played a part at the start of WW2	Locate and label countries on European map, use of Atlases
3	Precautions taken to keep people safe during WW2- gas masks and blackouts	Make gas mask box Create a public information poster about gas mask drill and black outs
4	Precautions taken to keep people safe during WW2- bomb shelters – Anderson & Morrison, Tube stations	Advantages and disadvantages of shelter types Experience drama of air raid
5	To know and understand the events of Dunkirk may 27 – June 4 1940	Continue map detailing German invasion of France, Holland & Belgium Write a recount as a rescued soldier at Dunkirk - place event on timeline
6	Understand the threat of German invasion and Britain's response i.e. Battle of Britain – July 1940 – September 15 <sup>th</sup> 1940	Compare leaders invasion/defence plans – card sort & what would have happened if Britain had been defeated discussion
7	Investigate differences between Luftwaffe and RAF airplanes	Advantages and disadvantages of airplanes Make a spitfires & messerschmitts
8	To understand why evacuation happened, where children were sent, what life was like for evacuees during the Blitz	Study Lion and the Unicorn – and beginning of Lion witch and Wardrobe – write a diary entry , Blitz on timeline Blitz art & Lowry Blitz pictures
9	Learn about Rationing and the need for it – disrupted trade routes, the role of women , land use	Research using internet, ration recipes and create a cook book - instructions Plan and cook ration foods
10	Understand make do and mend in relation to children's everyday lives	Devise and share a children's game using limited resources
11	Understand that DDAY Landings were a significant event to the end of WW2	Time line add D Day landings & USA Pearl Harbour Code breaking Map of English channel and text box to describe reasons for the choice of locations ( Calais closer to Uk etc)
12	Investigate the final days of the war , VE Day VJ Day – 8 <sup>th</sup> May 1945 & 15 <sup>th</sup> August 1945	Add to timeline Plan and celebrate VE day party