



Bumblebees - History – War and Peace

Key facts to learn:

- The Second World War took place from 1939-1945, with an understanding of the following key dates:
1st September 1939 – German troops invade Poland
3rd September 1939 – Britain and France declare war on Germany.
7th September 1940 – The Blitz begins
6th June 1944 – D-Day landings
7th May 1945 – VE Day
- During World War II over 3.5 million children were evacuated from cities to the countryside, where it was believed to be safer.
- Rationing affected the food and many other items that people could access.
- About the role of Winston Churchill, Adolf Hitler and of British women to the war effort.

Key skills to do:

- Examine causes and results of significant events and the impact that these had on people.
- Consider different ways of checking the accuracy of interpretations of the past.
- Show an awareness of the concept of propaganda.
- Select relevant sections of information to address historically valid questions and construct detailed, informed responses.
- Order an increasing number of significant events, using dates.
- Understand and describe in some detail the main changes during a period of history.

Words to know and spell (Tier 2 Vocabulary)

War	Europe	Army
Navy	Air Force	Prime Minister
City	Countryside	Military
Democracy	Economy	



Words to understand and spell (Tier 3 Vocabulary)

Evacuation	Where children, pregnant women and people with disabilities were encouraged to stay in the countryside, where it was believed to be safer. They were called <i>Evacuees</i> .
The Blitz	An intensive bombing attack.
Gas Mask	A protective mask that everyone carried to protect themselves in case of poisonous gas.
Rationing	During the war families were limited on the food and goods that there were allowed to buy.
Billeting Officer	Those responsible for finding homes for the Evacuees.
Allies	The UK, France and Poland, later joined by many other countries, who worked together as a team during the war.
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.
Air Raid	An attack where bombs are dropped from aircraft.
Anderson Shelter	A small air raid shelter made of a curved steel sheet and sunk into the ground, to protect people during an air raid.

Concept check questions. Test yourself:

- Why did World War II begin?
- Explain the role of propaganda (for both good and bad).
- How was advertising used in the war effort?
- What measures were put in place during the Blitz to protect people?
- Why was rationing necessary?