

## Class 3 – Autumn 1

### Heroes and Villains – World War 2

#### What will we be learning?

**Enquiry question:** Was the Blitz more or less dangerous than at other times in the past?

**Substantive concept:** Economy and innovation (Jobs and education)  
Invasion and exploration (War)

**Disciplinary Concept:** Chronology, Continuity and change.

Throughout this unit of work children will:

- Learn when and why World War II began and find out about the key individuals and countries involved.
- Discover all about evacuation; learn what it was like to live with food rationing.
- Explore the contribution made by women to the war effort.
- Learn important facts about the Holocaust.
- Investigate events that were key turning points in the war, such as the Battle of Britain and the German invasion of the USSR.

#### Key Events

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

#### Key vocabulary

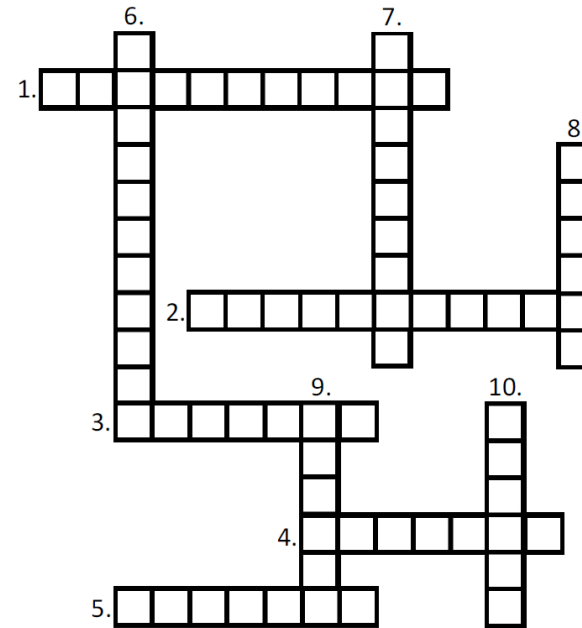
- **Allies:** The United Kingdom, France and Poland, later joined by other countries, including the USSR (Soviet Union), the United States of America and China.
- **Atomic bomb:** A very high-energy bomb made of radioactive material.
- **Axis:** The Axis Powers were originally Germany, Japan and Italy. Other countries joined them later.
- **Evacuation:** When people have to leave a dangerous area and move to a safer place.
- **Nazi party:** A German political party with racist and anti-Jewish ideas, led by Adolf Hitler.
- **Persecution:** When a group of people are targeted and treated in a cruel or unfair way, such as changing laws to punish them or imprisoning them unfairly.
- **Rationing:** To limit how much of something people can have, such as food and fuel.

#### Across

1. Who was the leader of Germany at the time?
2. What was the surname of the British prime minister who declared war?
3. What was the first name of the British prime minister?
4. From what street did the prime minister announce the declaration?
5. What country invaded Poland on 1<sup>st</sup> September 1939?

#### Down

6. With what country did Germany sign an agreement with before the war?
7. In what month of 1939 was the war declared?
8. What country did Germany invade on the 1<sup>st</sup> September 1939?
9. From what city did the prime minister declare war?
10. What country, as well as the U.K., declared war on the 3<sup>rd</sup> September 1939?



#### What I have learnt.