



# Conflict

## History Y4: The Second World War, 1939-1945

### Key Figures



Neville Chamberlain,  
Prime Minister of  
the UK when war  
was declared



Winston Churchill,  
Prime Minister of the  
UK, 1940 to 1945



Adolf Hitler, 'fuhrer'  
of Germany from  
1933 to 1945

### Links to prior learning:

Richmond Park was used as a base for the Phantom Regiment (Y3)  
Crimean War (Y2), Edith Cavell (Y2) and the Spanish Armada (Y1).

### Key Questions

What caused WW2 and who was involved?  
How were children's lives affected by WW2?  
What was evacuation like for children?

### Key Facts

World War 2 started because Germany invaded Poland. The UK had an agreement with Poland to protect them and on September 1st 1939, war was declared. It lasted in Europe until 8th May 1945. It lasted in the Pacific (Japan and Asia) until 15th August 1945. Approximately 75 million people around the world died during the conflict. Winston Churchill is an important figure because he was Prime Minister of the UK and led the allied forces. Adolf Hitler, who was known as a Nazi, was German and he led the axis powers.



### Key vocabulary

**Evacuation:** Having to leave your home in order to reach a place of safety.

**The Blitz:** An intense period of aerial bombing raids on British cities between 1940-41.

**Air raid shelter:** A place of safety to go to when an air raid was happening.

**Rationing:** The way food and clothing was given out in small amounts because these things easily ran out.

**Battle of Britain:** An important battle in 1940 involving the Royal Air Force.

### Links to other subjects:

**Geography** - local history walk, places in the UK where children were evacuated to and countries involved

**English** - write an information text.

**DT** - make a Morse Code machine.

**Art** - collage and mixed media work.

**Personal Development** - types of behaviour (passive, assertive, aggressive).

First mass evacuation of children, Aug 1939

War is declared, Sep 1939

Battle of Britain, 1940

The Blitz, 1940-41

Pearl Harbour attacked, USA joins War

D-Day landings, 1944

War in Europe ends, May 1945

War in Pacific ends, Aug 1945