

Year 6 Autumn Term 1 Must Knows – WW2

Topic Vocabulary

Allies - countries who join forces in a war
Axis - opposing countries in a war
Neutral - countries which do not take sides in a war, hoping to avoid attack.
Treaty - an agreement negotiated between different countries
Propaganda - information which aims to make people think a certain way
Border - the line where two countries meet
Invasion - when a country is taken over by another using an army
Occupied - when a country takes control of another by force
Evacuee - children who were sent away from cities for their safety to rural areas
The Blitz - a period between 1940 and 1941 when British cities were heavily bombed by German forces. (Blitzkrieg means 'lightning war' in German.)
Ration - a set amount of food allowed for each person
Reconnaissance - secretly collecting information about enemies
Decipher - crack a code
Squadron - air force team with 12-24 aircraft & pilots
RAF - The Royal Air Force (British)
Luftwaffe - the German air force
WAAF - Women's Auxiliary Air Force

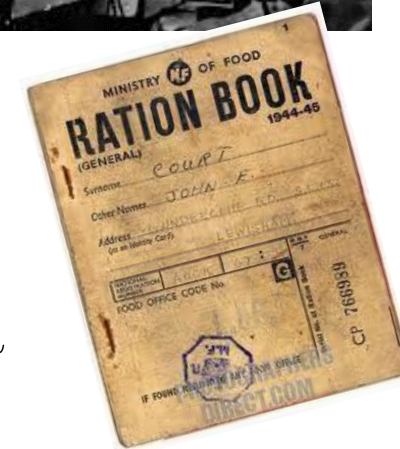


Evacuees

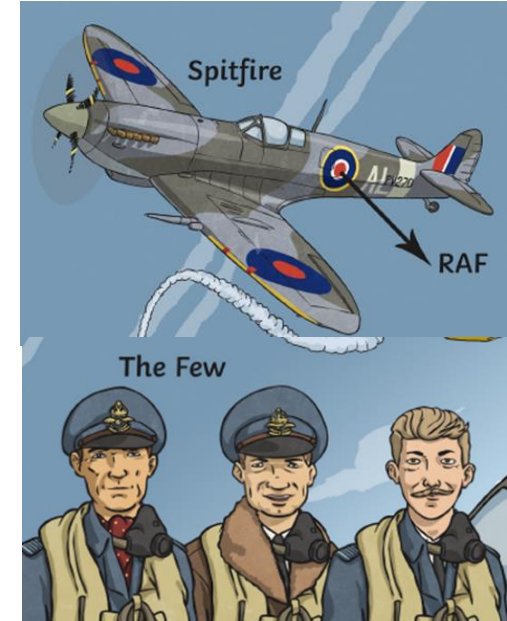
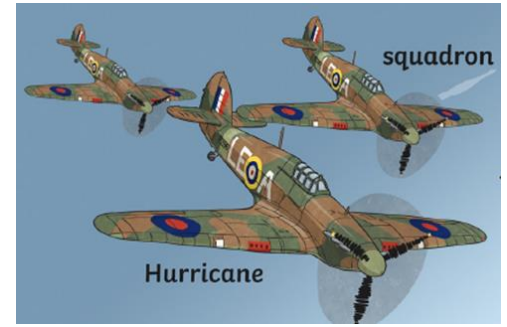


Pounds, shillings and pence (imperial)

WAAF radar operators



Everyone carried a gas mask with them at all times.



Winston Churchill was the Prime Minister of Great Britain from 1940-1945





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Key Facts

- Winston Churchill was Prime Minister of the UK during World War 2
- Adolf Hitler was the Fuhrer (leader) of Germany
- The German air force were called the Luftwaffe
- The Battle of Britain was fought between the Royal Air Force (Great Britain) and the Luftwaffe.
- The Battle of Britain took place between July and October in 1940
- Spitfire & Hurricane - types of aircraft used by the RAF
- Members of the Women's Auxiliary Air Force (WAAF) served as radar operators and worked as plotters, tracking raids.
- During WW2, money was in pounds, shillings and pence (imperial) - this changed to the metric system (pounds and pence) in 1971.
- Rationing was brought in so that everyone had a fair share of food as there were shortages of some products.
- During 'The Blitz', many children were evacuated from cities like London to rural areas where it was safer - these are known as *evacuees*.