World War II

UKS2 History: World War II	
Historical Concepts	
Impact	a strong effect or influence.
Invasion	An unwelcome intrusion of a country or region by force such as an army.
Core Vocabulary	
Ration	A fixed amount allowed to a person at a time of shortage.
Evacuation	Moving people from a dangerous place to somewhere safe.
Propaganda	Organised spreading of false ideas or information to influence public opinion.
Nationalism	A strong attachment to a country or nation, believing it is above others and should act independently instead of working together.

Images

Winston Churchill
Prime Minister
1940-1945

D-Day
6th June 1944

Key Knowledge

1	World War II was between 1939-1945. Adolf Hitler rose to power in Germany and formed the National Socialist Party (Nazi party), he believed the German race was superior and should rule all of Europe.
2	Britain declared war on Germany after they invaded Poland on 1st September 1939, breaking the Munich agreement (1938) which stated that they would not invade any other land.
3	The second World War was fought between two groups of nations. The Axis Powers were led by Germany, Italy and Japan. The Allies included Britain, the Soviet Union (Russia), France and later, the USA.
4	Britain had to adapt to life during the war and had to take difficult measures to keep themselves safe. This included rationing food and clothing, practicing blackouts to keep safe from bombs and evacuating children to areas less likely to be attacked.
5	The Battle of Britain, July 1940, between the German Luftwaffe and the Royal Air Force (RAF) was the first military campaign fought entirely by air forces.
6	D-Day also called Operation Overlord launched on 6th June 1944. Allied forces stormed the beaches of Normandy, it was the biggest invasion in history. The beaches were code named: Sword, Gold, Juno, Omaha and Utah Beach.

Timeline

1st September 1939
Germany invades Poland. Children have started being evacuated to the countryside.

10th July 1940
Battle of Britain starts, German planes attack British targets to prepare for invasion.

7th December 1941
Japan attacks USA at Pearl Harbor. USA joins the war.

8th May 1945
VE day. Marking the end of the war in Europe.

1939 1940 1941 1944 1945

3rd September 1939
Britain and France declare war on Germany.

7th September 1940
The Blitz hits Britain. Intense bombing by the German air force focusing on towns and cities for 8 months.

6th June 1944
D-Day, allies storm beaches at Normandy. The biggest invasion in history.