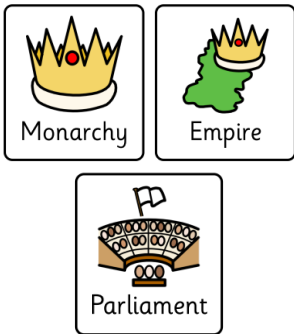


Britain at War: What was life like on the Home Front 1939-45?

Unit Vocabulary – Join them up with the correct definition once you have learned it,

gas masks	Allowing each person to only have a fixed amount of something.
Home Guard	Entering an area by force in order to take over.
Battle of Britain	Adding territory to one's own territory.
Blitzkrieg (Blitz)	A ruler with total power over a country.
evacuation	The group of people with the authority to govern a country or state.
rationing	The action of moving a person or people from a place of danger.
air-raid shelters	The 26 nations that fought against the Axis in WW2.
ensorship	Biased or misleading information used to promote a political cause.
propaganda	A mask worn on the face to protect from dangerous gases or fumes.
Allies	First ever battle to be fought only in the air; fought between the German Luftwaffe and the Royal Air Force.
Axis	The military alliance made up of Germany, Italy and Japan.
annex	An intense military campaign intended to bring about a quick victory.
dictator	A structure, often located underground, designed to protect people during an air raid.
invade	Blocking something from being read, heard, or seen.
government	A volunteer part-time military force recruited for the defence of the UK during WW2.

History Golden Words –
Look out for them in this unit!



Key People		
Winston Churchill	Adolf Hitler	Anne Frank
Winston Churchill was the Prime Minister who led Britain to victory in the Second World War.	Adolf Hitler was the leader of the Nazi Party and one of the most powerful dictators. He orchestrated WW2.	Anne Frank was a teenager who kept a diary documenting life under Nazi occupation.
The Blitz		Women
The Blitz was a German bombing campaign against the United Kingdom in 1940 and 1941 during the Second World War. 'Blitz' is the German word for 'lightning' and was the term first used by the British press. It lasted for 57 nights, and the aim was to crush the British spirits so they would surrender.		Before the war, most women stayed at home and didn't work. However, when the men were sent to war, women were needed to do jobs such as making weapons, driving transport and working in engineering.

Unit Timeline (not to scale)

September 1 st 1939	September 3 rd 1939	May 26 th 1940	July 10 th 1940	September 7 th 1940	December 7 th 1941	June 6 th 1944	May 7 th 1945	August 6 th /9 th 1945
German troops invade Poland	Britain and France declare war on Germany	Allied forces are evacuated from Dunkirk in France	The Battle of Britain begins	The Blitz begins	Japan bombs Pearl Harbour in the US	The D-Day landings	Germany surrenders to the Allies	The US drops atomic bombs on two Japanese cities

Historical Enquiries

- Why did Britain have to go to war in 1939?
- Why was it necessary for children to be evacuated?
- How did the Second World War affect Tilford?
Were people able to carry on normal life during the war?
- How do we know what life on the Home Front was like?
- What happened on VE day?

Historical Skills

<p>Investigate and Interpret the Past</p>	<p>Build an overview of World History</p>
<p>Understand Chronology</p>	<p>Communicate Historically</p>