

## What's The Big Idea?

### Big Idea *Organiser*

## World War Two

### To host a VE Day celebration.

Year 6 Spring 1



#### History Key Information:

- WWII began on September 1st 1939.
- World War II ended in Europe on 8 May 1945 – this is also known as VE Day (Victory in Europe Day).
- The war lasted six years and one day.
- World War 2 was a battle between two groups of countries. The “Allies” and the “Axis”.
- The major Allied Powers were Britain, France, Russia, China and the United States.
- The major Axis Powers were Germany, Italy and Japan.

#### Links to support learning:

<https://www.dtfindout.com/uk/history/world-war-ii/>  
<https://www.theschoolrun.com/homework-help/world-war-ii>  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/history-ks2-world-war-two/zjnyscw>  
[https://www.iwm.org.uk/learning/resources?filters%5Bkey\\_stage%5D%5BAge+9-11+%28KS2%29%5D=on](https://www.iwm.org.uk/learning/resources?filters%5Bkey_stage%5D%5BAge+9-11+%28KS2%29%5D=on)



#### DT Key Information:

- Seasonal food is fresh food that is ready to eat during its preferred season.
- During the war, people had to cook using seasonal ingredients.
- Basic foodstuffs such as sugar, meat, fats, bacon and cheese were directly rationed by an allowance of coupons.

#### Knowledge Vocabulary:

Propaganda  
Rationing  
The Allies  
The Axis  
Evacuation  
Evacuee  
VD Day

#### Optional *home learning* activities-

- Week 1-** Draw and label a great airplane from WW2 e.g. British Supermarine Spitfire.
- Week 2** - Find out where children were evacuated from and to in Britain. Show this on a map.
- Week 3** - Compare and contrast fashions of Wartime Britain and Britain today.
- Week 4** - Make an air raid shelter / Anderson shelter. Think about which materials would be best to use.
- Week 5** - Make do and Mend! Can you use something old to create something new?

#### Science Key Information:

- Light appears to travel in straight lines
- Objects are seen because they give out or reflect light into the eye
- We see things because light travels from light sources to our eyes or from light sources to objects and then to our eyes
- Shadows have the same shape as the objects that cast them

#### Enquiry questions:

- What was life like for children in World War Two?
- How did the world change after World War Two?
- How did people cope with food rationing?
- What was the impact of World War Two on York?