History Year6 - Aut1

World War II

Learning enquiry question: What was life like for children during WWII?

Children during WWII

1) For most children, the war years were a time of anxiety. For many, it was a period of family separation.

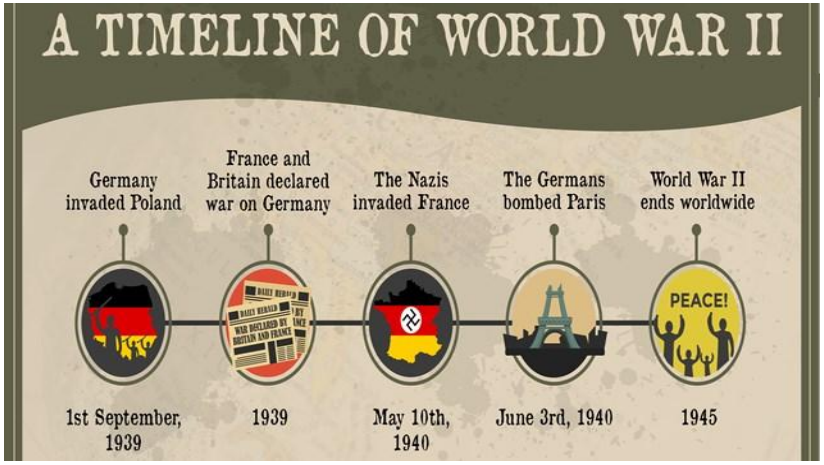
2) Many children had to look after themselves and younger siblings while their fathers were at war and mothers worked.

3) Many children, and their parents, living in countries which had been invaded by the Germans were imprisoned and killed because they were Jewish.

4) Anne Frank was a German girl whose family had to go into hiding because they were Jewish.

4) Anne Frank is well known because of her diary. It was first published as a book in 1947. Since then, millions of people have read it.





Evacuation:

- Over 3.5 million children were evacuated during WW2
- It was believed children would be safer from bombings in the countryside.
- All evacuees had to take a gas mask, ration book and identify card.
- Families would be asked to host the children.



Key Vocabulary

Allies The United Kingdom, France and Poland, later joined by other countries, including the USSR (Soviet Union), the United States of America and China.

Air raid Military aeroplanes sent to bomb an area

Concentration camp A place where Hitler sent groups of people he did not like, to live and die.

evacuee A person who is moved away from a place of danger

Nazi A German fighter with racist and anti-Jewish ideas, led by Adolf Hitler.

atomic bomb A very high-energy bomb made of radio-active material. **annex** To take another country's land and make it part of your country.

rationing- a fixed amount of food and provisions for people .

propaganda Information designed to promote a politi-cal idea or opinion.

shelters a safe place to hide during an air raid.

The Blitz a huge air strike on London over 57 nights

Gas mask a protective mask to prevent breathing in of poisonous gas

WWII Leaders

Allied Powers	Axis Powers
Great Britain – Winston Churchill	**Germany** – Adolf Hitler
Soviet Union – Joseph Stalin	**Italy** – Benito Mussolini
United States – Franklin Roosevelt & Harry Truman	**Japan** – Emperor Hirohito