

Keep Calm and Carry On

Is winning everything?



Year 6
Spring Term

Timeline

1939	1939	1940	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1945	1945
On 1 st September Germany invades Poland	On 3 rd September England declares war on Germany	10 th May Winston Churchill replaces Neville Chamberlain as Prime Minister	12 th May German forces enter France	USA declares war on Italy & Germany	British troops win back North Africa	Italy surrenders to the Allies	6 th June D-Day landings on Normandy beaches	Hitler commits suicide	Atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima on 6 th August	Japan surrenders on 2 nd September and the end of war declared

Key Vocabulary

evacuee	Designed to protect people, especially children, by moving them to areas of less risk.
RAF	The Royal Air Force – The UK's aerial warfare force
Luftwaffe	The Nazi (German) airforce
rationing	Ration cards were given out and only a certain amount of food/clothes per family was allowed
propaganda	Information, especially of a biased or misleading nature, used to promote a political cause or point of view.
RADAR	(Radio Detection and Ranging) - a detection system that uses radio waves to detect the range, angle, or velocity of objects such as aircraft.
The Blitz	The sustained aerial bombing against Britain by Nazis. Blitz means lightning in German.

General knowledge - Who was involved?

Allies: Great Britain, France, Soviet Union, China and USA

Axis Powers: Germany, Italy and Japan

70 million people lost their lives.

France and England declared war on Germany after they invaded Poland and the USA joined the war effort after the Japanese bombed the American fleet in Pearl Harbour, Hawaii, on December 7, 1941.



The Battle of Britain

This was a major air campaign fought over southern England in the summer and autumn of 1940, with planes called Spitfires, Hurricanes and Messerschmitt.

Key Figures

Neville Chamberlain (1869-1940)

British Prime Minister from 1937-1940; Chamberlain was Prime Minister when Britain declared war on Germany.

Winston Churchill (1874-1965)

British Prime Minister from 1940 to 1945, then again from 1951 to 1955. He is famous for his speeches that inspired people to keep on fighting.

Adolf Hitler (1889-1945)

German dictator during World War II, and leader of the Nazi political party