



# World War II



Year 6 - Spring Term 2026

## What's it all about?

This topic will be a historical topic covering World War II in Britain. It will look at the key early events of the war and then look at how the war impacted different sections of society.



**Historians:** Come with us as we explore what life was like for people who lived through the Second World War. We will be covering evacuation, rationing, roles for women and how British society changed after the war ended.

**Readers:** We will be immersing ourselves into the story of 'Once' by Morris Gleitzman, a story of a young Jewish boy living in Europe during the Second World War.

**Spellers:** Our focused spelling patterns this half-term will be silent letters, ei and ie spellings and ible and able spellings.

**Writers:** We will be exploring Ian McEwan's beautiful and highly evocative picture book 'Rose Blanche', a tale of a young girl and her experiences in occupied Europe. We will be using it as inspiration to write from different people's viewpoints, in addition to story writing. We will then move onto writing in role using our Destination Reader text 'Once', again based in occupied Europe.

**Mathematicians:** We will be looking at measurements and geometry. We will also be consolidating the arithmetic skills taught last term in a weekly arithmetic lesson.

**Musicians:** We will be learning how to play the ukulele. What fun!

**Science:** We will be exploring the science topic of evolution. We will start by researching Mary Anning and Charles Darwin and the impact their discoveries had upon scientific understanding. We will explore natural selection and the evolution of humans. We will also be exploring how animals have adapted to survive.

**Family Learning Ideas:** There are some excellent books linked to WW2 you might like to try: Goodnight Mr Tom by Michelle Magorian, When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit by Judith Kerr or Carrie's War by Nina Bawden.

## Values

To will be focusing on the value of integrity.

Art Week—Week beginning 19th January

Winston Churchill Production – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February

First Aid Course – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January