

Key Vocabulary

Evacuee A person who leaves somewhere dangerous to live in a safer place.

Blitz When bombs were dropped from planes in an air raid attack in WW2.

Rationing The way in which key items are shared fairly amongst all the people including food and materials.

Shelter A place to go for safety when under an air raid attack.

The Blackout— Efforts made by people to keep everything as dark as possible at night to protect from German bombers.



Evacuee children

Map shows the extent of German control in Europe.

Axis Germany and the countries supporting them.

Allies— All the countries fighting against the German Axis.

World War Two

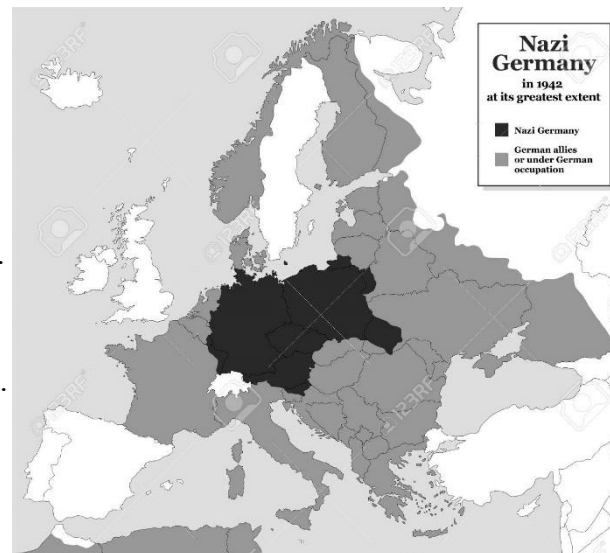
Topic page



Morrison Shelter —
in your house.



Anderson Shelter —
in the garden.



Key Events

- 1) **1st September 1939** -Germany invades Poland.
- 2) Britain and France declare war on Germany.
- 3) Germany spreads out across Europe capturing France in June, 1940.
- 4) **July to October 1940** Britain wins the Battle of Britain in the air but is bombed by Germany in the Blitz.
- 5) The war becomes a World War with countries like Japan and USA also taking sides.
- 6) **6th June 1944** D-Day
56,000 Allied troops land in France.
- 7) Germany surrenders **7th May 1945**—VE day.
- 8) Japan surrenders **2nd September 1945** VJ Day—The war is over.

Chawson 1st School

Autumn 1 Topic Letter

Year 3

ENGLISH

What? Using the text The Lion and the Unicorn, we will be investigating a range of writing styles including setting descriptions and diary writing. During our skills work we will be focusing on nouns, adjectives, openers and using past tense.

Why? Your child will learn to write in a style that conveys emotions and experiences. Whilst doing this, they will be practising key skills including using:
-A range of punctuation (e.g. ! ? , Capital letters and full stops.)
-Adjectives to describe. (e.g. bright, deafening)

WOW! To inspire their writing, we will watch clips from The Railway Children Return and Spywatch.

Help at home by:

- Talking to family that may have memories of the war or family stories.
- Helping with the topic homework which will support the content of their writing.

Our first topic this year is: WW2
We will learn lots about what life was like with a particular focus on life for children in the war.



MATHS

What? We will be following our Teach it, Practise it, Do it, Secure it and Deepen it approach, across a lesson, enabling all children to access the learning. Reasoning will be built into all areas of maths. Deepen it part of the lesson. Topics this half term will include counting, adding and subtracting 1's and 10's from any number, calculations involving addition and subtraction, place value, ordering and comparing numbers and mental maths. We will start recapping these objectives first with 2 digit numbers but will soon move onto numbers understanding HTO after a few weeks.

Why? Your children need to practice these key skills as the basis for later learning.

Help at home by:

Practising times tables. Being confident to count in steps of 2, 5 and 10 this half term, up to 12 lots. Being able to say how much $7 \times 5 =$ without starting to count 5, 10, 15, etc. to find the answer, although this initial step is essential. Please complete TTRS at least twice a week to support progress.

Cross curricular

What? War World 2—exploring life in Britain during this period of history.

Why? It's an important and interesting topic where children learn what it would have been like to be sent away to live in a strange place with people they did not know, and how things were different in the past.

WOW! In DT we make our own cup and ball toy, singing wartime songs and learning wartime dances including the Lambeth Walk.

PE Information

3MK— Monday and Thursday
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Please come wearing PE kit on these days. White polo shirt, black shorts, black tracksuit bottoms, dark sports trainers, (Not colourful fashion trainers please). Pumps will not be suitable when the playground is wetter later in the Autumn term.

Homework:

As per our new homework policy children will get a homework slip on a Friday for return the following Friday. It includes: some common, but often misspelled, words to practice, reading at least three times a week (more is fine!) and TTRS twice a week. We will also be sending two topic homework tasks this year, the first of which is WW2 based and will come out shortly.

Upcoming events:

We will be having a WW2 theme day on Friday 6th November as part of our topic. Children will be able to dress like an evacuee / soldier and we will revisit some of our WW2 dances as part of a VE Day celebration. Details to follow.

WW2 performance - Tuesday 24th November
9am, 2pm

Important dates:

Monday 14th September - Meet the teacher 3.20 -3.50

Parent's Evenings

- Tuesday 6th October
- Thursday 8th October

HALF TERM

Break up—Thursday 22nd October
Back to school Tuesday 3rd November

Trip to RAF COSFORD.
Friday 16th October