



# Year 6 - Autumn 2 - History Knowledge Organiser

## What I already know...

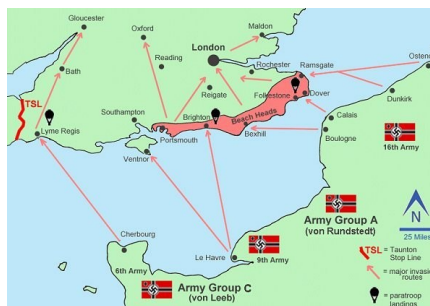
- The outcome of the First World War and how this impacted the economy in Europe.
- The countries that fought on either side of the conflict (the Axis and Allied powers)

## What I will learn...

- How and why thousands of British and French troops were evacuated from Dunkirk in 1940
- Hitler's plans to invade Britain and the outcome of the Battle of Britain
- The reasons for and impact of the Blitz bombings in British cities, including Leicester.
- The significance of the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbour as a turning point in the war
- The influence of codebreakers at Bletchley Park on the outcome of the war
- The circumstances and conditions leading up to the 1944 D-day Normandy landings and the outcome of the allied invasion
- The impact the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki - considering the ethics.

## Key Vocabulary

Atomic	The power that is produced from the energy released by splitting atoms.
Aerial	Existing, happening or operating in the air
Blackout	Everyone in the country working together to reduce the amount of outdoor light.
Blitz	The intensive and sustained bombing of British cities between 1940-41. From the German 'blitzkrieg' meaning
Operation Sea Lion	Hitler's plan to invade Britain via the English channel.
Enigma	A code-making machine used by the German military to keep their messages and plans secret.



## Making a difference at The Merton

By studying the outcomes of the first World War and the economic conditions in Europe in the inter-war years, we will develop an understanding of the conditions that led to the outbreak of war in Europe. Through the chronological study of key events in the Second World War, children will consider the causes and effects of some of the crucial turning points between 1939 and 1945. Children will learn about the persecution of Jewish and other minority groups during the Holocaust and make comparisons with contemporary examples of persecution and discrimination of minority groups.

## Making a difference at home

Plan a family day out and visit the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire  
See: [www.thenma.org.uk/](http://www.thenma.org.uk/)

Some parents may also wish to consider watching Christopher Nolan's 'Dunkirk' (12A) with their child.