

London Colney Primary and Nursery School – Knowledge Organiser

Name of Topic	World War II	Year Group	6

	Key Vocabulary and Spellings		
	Allies	Countries which fought on the British side (including: USA, Great Britain, France, Russia -1941)	
2	Evacuee	Someone who was evacuated moved from danger to a safer place	
3	Blackout	No lights visible after war so enemy planes couldn't bomb buildings	
4	Rationing	The controlled distribution of scarce resources (mainly food and clothing)	
5	Blitzkrieg	'lightning war' German quick strike invasion of Western Europe	
6	Axis	Countries which fought on the German side: Italy, Germany, Japan, Russia	
7	Nazi	Member of the fascist German political power	
8	Blitz	Series of aerial bombing raids on the UK, mainly London, Bristol and Nottingham	
9	Holocaus t	Mass murder of Jews and other groups of people by the Nazis	
0	Fascism	Right wing political view not allowing opposition and total control by a dictator	



Key Dates and Events		
lst September 1939	Germany invades Poland Britain and France declare war on Germany (start of World War II)	
May to June 1940	Dunkirk evacuated and France surrenders to Germany Germany uses blitzkrieg to take over much of Western Europe	
July 1940	Germany launches air attacks on Great Britain (The Battle of Britain and the Blitz begins) Germany, Italy and Japan signed the Tripartite Pact creating the axis alliance	
7 th December 1941	Japanese attack Pear harbour so US join Allies	
6 th June 1944	D-day and the Normandy invasion. Allied forces invade France and push back the Germans	
7 th May 1945	Germany surrenders and Victory in Europe is declared the next day.	
August 1945	Atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan by the US killing approximately 260 000 people	
2 nd September 1945	Japan surrenders signalling the end of World War II	