



## Y6 Thinking like an Historian

### Key Knowledge:

### Learning Questions



#### Why did the Second World War Begin?

Britain and France declared war on Germany and its allies after they broke the Agreement of Versailles and invaded Poland.

#### Rationing:

Rationing meant that each person was only allowed a fixed amount of foods. Ration books were issued, with coupons that showed people how much of each item they were allowed.

#### Evacuation:

During the Second World War, over 3.5 million children, were evacuated from the cities to the countryside, including Newbury. It was believed they would be safer there from bombing as cities were more likely to be bombed during the Blitz.

#### Battle of Britain:

The Battle of Britain was a significant aerial campaign where the Royal Air Force defended the UK against large-scale attacks from Germany. Communities, including Newbury, contributed to the war effort through services and local defence.

#### World War Two and Newbury:

Newbury had significant presence of soldiers and military operations which influenced daily life.

Newbury residents were trained to respond to **air raids**. **Air raid shelters** were built, and the community prepared for potential attacks, including **black-outs** to prevent visibility at night.

The **Home Guard**, formed to defend Britain against invasion, included local volunteers in Newbury who trained to protect their community and support the war effort.

#### Impact on society after WW2:

- Increase of jobs for women
- The establishment of the National Health Service (NHS) in 1948 aimed to provide healthcare for all, reflecting a shift towards welfare and support for citizens.

Why did Britain have to go to war in 1939?

What was daily life like in Newbury during World War Two?

How can we use a range of sources to understand how children were affected by World War Two?

How was Newbury significant to World War Two?

What is propaganda?

What were the consequences of World War Two?