| **History Knowledge Organiser Year 6**  **Unit: The Blitz: All we need to know about World War 2?**  **Why did Britain go to war in 1939?**  **When did WW2 start and end?**  **What were the Battle of Britain and the Blitz?**  **What was life like for ordinary people in Britain during WW2?**  **What was evacuation?**  **How did life change for women?**  **How did people from all round the world contribute to the British war effort?**  **What was the holocaust?** | |
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| Need to know   * **World War 2 lasted from September 1939 to September 1945** * **It caused over 70 million deaths around the world - about 50 million of them civilians** * **The British Prime Minister in 1939 was Neville Chamberlain.** * **From 1940 to 1945 the Prime Minister was Winston Churchill.** * **Germany was led by the Nazi dictator Adolf Hitler** * **During WW2 many children were evacuated from big cities, away from their families, to live in safer parts of the country** * **Women and people from the Commonwealth played key roles** * **During the Second World War, the leaders of Nazi Germany persecuted and murdered millions of Jews in death camps.** | Vocabulary  **Blitz -** intensive bombing of British cities in 1940 and 1941. From the German “blitzkrieg” meaning “lightning war”.  **Battle of Britain** - the air battle for control of the skies over Britain and the English Channel in the summer of 1940.  **Evacuation** - children and others leaving big cities like London during the Blitz to live in safer places  **RAF** - the Royal Air Force - military men and women who fought against the Nazis as pilots, engineers, and maintenance staff  **Holocaust** - the murder of over 6 millions of Jews by the German Nazi forces and their collaborators during WW2 |
| Good to know   * The First World War lasted from 1914 to 1918 * The United Kingdom took in nearly 10,000 children, most of them Jewish, who escaped from Germany, Austria, Czechoslovakia, and Poland * In 1940 the British Empire contained a quarter of the world's population. Britain relied on the people, land and resources of its Empire to continue fighting. * From 1941, women were called up for essential war work as mechanics, engineers, munitions workers, air raid wardens, bus and fire engine drivers. * The war ended after the United States dropped atomic bombs on the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945 * Holocaust memorial day is on 27 January each year. | * **Map** - learning the position of different countries in Europe during WW2 * **Dates** - remember key dates and events in world history from 1914 to 1945. * **Analyse** a range of primary and secondary sources to find out more * **Summarise** the beliefs and behaviour of people, recognising differences in views and feelings. |