Year 6 History: How did World War Two affect the lives of people living in Ealing?

Key Topics: Overview of WW2, The Blitz, The impact of the Blitz in Ealing, Evacuees, Battle of Britain

Key Vocabulary

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Air Raid	An attack in which bombs are dropped from an enemy plane on to targets below
Allied powers	The countries who fought against Germany, including Britain and the Commonwealth, France, and after 1941 the Soviet Union (Russia) and the USA
ARP Wardens	Air raid precaution wardens were volunteers who helped enforce the blackout and get people to safety in the air raids.
Atomic bomb	A weapon of mass destruction that gets its power from splitting the atom. The two atom bombs dropped on Japan in August 1945, killed over 350,000 people and ended WW2.
Axis powers	The countries who fought with Germany, including Japan and Italy
Billeting Officer	The person responsible for finding homes for the evacuees
Blackout	During WW2 street lights were turned off and people had to stop any light shining out of their houses using blackout curtains
Blitz	The Blitz was an intense Nazi bombing campaign against Britain from Sept 1940 - May 1941
Evacuee	A child sent away from the city so they would be safe
Host family	Families in the countryside who took in and looked after evacuees
Luftwaffe	The German Air Force
Rationing	Limiting of supplies (e.g. bacon, cheese, butter, sugar, petrol) to make sure there was a fair distribution during a time of shortage
V1 and V2 rockets	Rockets launched from the north coast of Europe towards Britain in 1944 and 1945
V.E Day	Victory in Europe day - 8th May 1945

People and Places
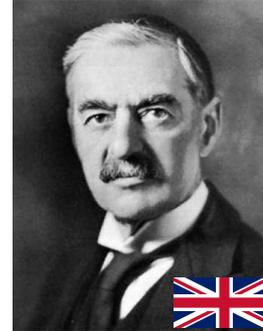
Neville Chamberlain was the Prime Minister of Britain who declared war on Germany on September 3rd 1939.

Winston Churchill became Prime Minister of Britain in May 1940 and led Britain for the rest of the war.

Adolf Hitler was the leader of the Nazi party and the leader of Germany.
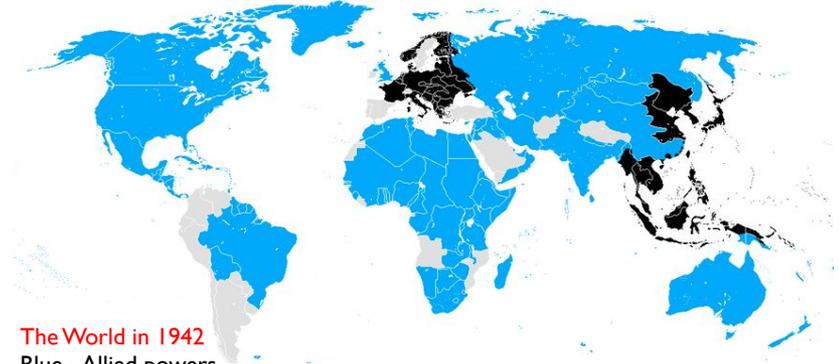
The World in 1942
Blue - Allied powers
Black - Nazi conquered territories and Axis powers

Sept 1939
Hitler invades Poland. Britain declares war, evacuation begins.

Summer 1940
Battle of Britain

Sept 1940 - May 1941
The Blitz.
Ealing is bombed, our school damaged and St Saviour's church destroyed.

June 1944- March 1945
V1 and V2 rockets launched at Britain, Ealing Broadway hit.

May 1945
Germany surrenders.

August 1945
Atomic bombs dropped WW2 ends.

1939   1940   1941   1942   1943   1944   1945