History – World War II – Heroes and Happenings

Key Vocabulary

War	War is when countries fight each other and people can get hurt.
Conflict	Disagreement between people who have different ideas or beliefs
Invade	"Invade" means to go into another place or country by force without being invited.
Domestic	something that happens at home or inside a person's own country.
Weapons	tools used in fighting.
Armed forces	people who work to protect their country, like soldiers, sailors, and pilots.
Evacuee	a person, often a child, who has to leave their home to stay safe during danger.
Bombing	a loud explosion that can break buildings and make people need to find safety.
Civilian	a person who is not a soldier and lives a normal life in their town or country.

When did WW2 start?

In 1939 many civilians were evacuated from places that were likely to be bombed. This was to keep them safe from harm.

WW2 officially began on the 1st September 1939 when Germany invaded Poland and Britain declared war.

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Nurse	A person who helps take care of sick or hurt people and makes sure they get better.
Caring	Being kind and helping others who need support or help.
Plastic Surgery	A special kind of surgery that fixes or changes the way someone's body or face looks, sometimes after an accident
Prime Minister	The leader of a country's government who helps make big decisions and takes care of running the country.
Bankruptcy	When a person or business runs out of money and cannot pay what they owe.
Remembrance	Remembering and honouring people or events from the past, especially those who helped or sacrificed for others.

We Can Do It!

Although women were not allowed to fight in WWI, they were allowed during WW2.

In 1939 only women could train to become nurses.
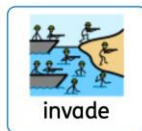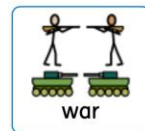
Key Dates

1939 – World War II begins

1940 – Germany attacks.

1941 – The war spreads.

1945 – World War II ends.

Winston Churchill was the prime Minister during WW2.

war   invade

What impact did WW2 have on Britain?

340,000 soldiers lost their lives during the war.