

## Sharnbrook Primary Knowledge Planner – History Y4

**Key Question:** Which local war effort had the most significant impact during World War II?

**Disciplinary Focus:** Significance

**What I should already know**

Britain was involved in WWII from 1939 – 1945  
Children were evacuated to Sharnbrook  
People were encouraged to Dig for Victory.





**Key Facts**

1<sup>st</sup> September 1939 Germany invaded Poland.  
3<sup>rd</sup> September 1939 Britain and France declared war on Germany.  
From 1938 Britain had been planning for the evacuation of children from major cities.  
Children from London were evacuated by train to Sharnbrook and the neighbouring villages. Many children stayed with their hosts for over 4 years and many went to school at our school.  
Many women came to Sharnbrook to work for the Land army and they lived at Sharnbrook House (this is now a care home.)  
From 1942, there was an American Airbase at Thurleigh and many of the airmen stayed at Milton Ernest House which is now a care home.  
Bletchley Park near Milton Keynes was the centre for code breaking. This is where Alan Turing succeeded in breaking the German code system.

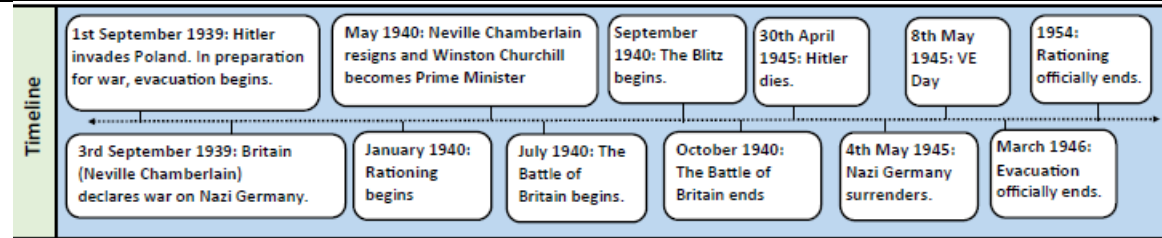
**Vocabulary**

Air raid	An attack by enemy aircraft.
Evacuee	People moved from a place of danger.
Women's Land Army	A civilian organisation created so women could work in agriculture, replacing men who joined the army.
Artefact	Something that is manmade from a particular time.
Agriculture	Another word for farming
rationing	A fixed amount of scarce food and other provisions allowed to each person.
Blackout	Hiding all artificial light at night.
ARP warden	Air Raid Precaution Warden. Responsible for enforcing the blackout and helped in air raids.
Home guard	Armed citizens militia supporting the British Army.
Decade	A ten year time period
Luftwaffe	The German Air Force.
RAF	The Royal Air Force, the British Air Force.
Gas mask	A mask to filter poisonous gas out of the air.
Primary evidence	Something that comes from the time being studied.
Local history	Learning about the past of where you are

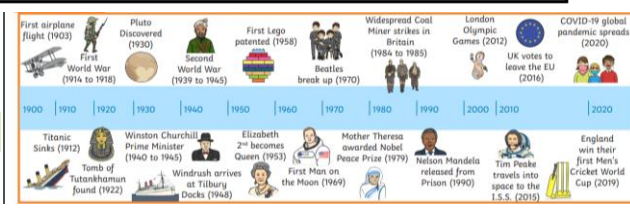
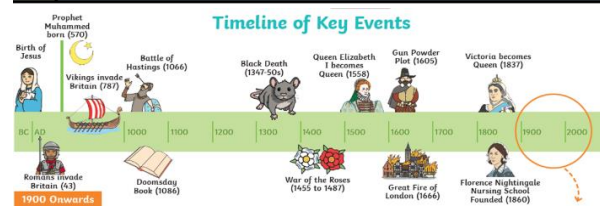
**People**

Neville Chamberlain		Prime Minister 1937-1940
Winston Churchill		Prime Minister 1940-1945
Glenn Miller		American band leader
Adolf Hitler		Leader of Germany 1934 – 1945

### Timeline Thinking Like a Historian



- Know the different local war effects.
- To explain their purpose.
- Explain which were the most important and why you think that.
- To use your knowledge of the events and actions to explain and justify your arguments.



Land Army girls billeted at Sharnbrook House



Bletchley Park – the centre for British code breaking in WWII

