Keep Calm and Carry On
Knowledge Organiser

Key Vocabulary

**Allies**
Countries which fought on the British side (including: USA, Great Britain, France, Russia (1941-1945))

**Evacuee**
Someone who was evacuated, moved from a danger area to a safer place (normally from the cities to rural areas)

**Black out**
System of ensuring no lights were visible after dark so that buildings could not be spotted by enemy planes

**Rationing**
The controlled distribution of scarce resources (mainly food & clothing)

**Air raid shelter**
A building to protect people from bombs dropped by planes. Anderson Shelter: Made of corrugated iron. Usually at the end of the garden Morrison Shelter: Metal cage used inside the house. Could double as a kitchen table

**Trenches**
A long, narrow ditch used for troops to shelter from enemy fire or attack

**Home guard**
Volunteers who defended the five thousand miles of Britain coastline in the event of an invasion by Germany

**Axis**
Countries which fought on the German side (including: Italy, Germany, Japan, Russia (1939-1941))

**Fascism**
Right wing political view associated with not allowing opposition and total control by a dictator.

**Nazi**
Member of the fascist German political party which came to power in 1933. Symbol = swastika

**Holocaust**
Mass murder of Jews and other groups of people by the Nazis

**Blitz**
Series of aerial bombing raids on the UK, mainly cities including London, Bristol & Nottingham

**Blitzkrieg**
Translated as ‘lightning war’. German quick strike invasion of Western Europe

**Luftwaffe**
The German Air Force (responsible for the Blitz)

**Enigma**
A machine used by the Nazis to send coded messages

**Propaganda**
The spreading of information in support of a political cause which was often misleading or biased

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Key Question: Were there any true winners from WW2?

Key Concept: Peace

Talking points to discuss at home:
Why did WW2 begin? What was life like in Britain during WW2? Can children grow up happily when their country is at war? How far would you go to protect our way of life? Would you have gone to war? Should we always believe what we are told in the media? After so much hurt, why are wars still taking place in our world today? How did Britain change/remain the same after the War?