YEAR 6

CONFLICT (BATTLE/WAR)

How did the 'Battle of Britain' change the course of the War?

Vocabulary

Alliance
a formal agreement between two or more nations to cooperate for specific purposes

Devastation
to completely destroy

Evacuation
the removal of persons or things from an area

Independence
freedom from control by others

Inevitability
unable to avoid a certain thing

Manufacture
the making of goods on a large scale

Morale
emotional or mental condition in face of hardship

Negotiation
mutual discussion and arrangement of terms

Prevail
to be or prove superior in strength, power, or influence

Reluctance
unwillingness to do something

Scramble
an emergency takeoff of interceptors performed in the shortest possible time

Totalitarianism
absolute control by the state where differing opinions are not accepted

Violence
swift and intense force

We are learning to:

- Study an aspect or theme in British history that extends chronological knowledge beyond 1066.

- Establish clear narratives within the period studied, recognising events of significance.

- Thoughtfully select and organise relevant historical information for a purpose.

PRIOR LEARNING

- What an invasion is and why it might happen

- Forms of communication, travel

OUR LESSONS

- What events led to the outbreak of World War 2?
- What was Hitler's plan to invade Britain?
- What was the Battle of Britain?
- When and what was the hardest day?
- What role did radar play in defeating Germany?
- Why was the 'Battle of Britain' a turning point in the war?

Key days in the Battle of Britain

16th July	**18th August**	**20th August**	**15th September**	**17th September**
Operation Sealion starts Preparation plans for the invasion of Britain began. This focused upon the Air Force being eliminated to reduce opposition for invading troops.	*Hardest Day* Fierce air battles between the Luftwaffe and the RAF, with severe loss of RAF aircraft on the ground.	*Churchill speech* When recognising the air personnel "Never in the field of human conflict has so much been owed by so many to so few."	*Battle of Britain Day* The Luftwaffe launched its heaviest bombing raids on London. Fighter Command successfully fought the attacking aircraft, resulting in heavy Luftwaffe losses.	*Operation Sealion Postponed* Due to Germany not being able to take power of the skies to enable maximum protection for invading fleets, the invasion was postponed several times but was then postponed indefinitely, never cancelled.

Battle of Britain Phases	**Phase 1** *10 July - 12 August* Attacks on Channel Shipping	**Phase 2** *13 August - 18 August* Attacks on airfields and radar stations	**Phase 3** *19 August - 6 September* Luftwaffe continued to bomb towns, cities and airfields across Britain	**Phase 4** *7 September- 31 October* Mass bombing raids against London and other major British cities

War in Europe Timeline

1933 Hitler becomes Chancellor

1939 Germany invades Poland, War declared on Germany

1940 France invaded by Germany and surrenders, Battle of Britain

1941 Pearl Harbour bombed - USA enter the war

1944 D Day

1945 Germany surrenders