Brixton in the Blitz

Links

Reception – We learn about chronology during understanding the world.

Year 1 – We explored chronology through units such as Transport and Dinosaurs.

Year 2– London's Burning – we learned about key events in London's history.

Year 3– Living in London – we learned about what life is like in London.

Year 4 – Vikings – We learned about invasions, which occurred in British history.

Key Knowledge – Why did WWII start?

WW2 started as Germany was not very happy about the treaty they made after WWI. They became very poor and there was an economic crisis. They were not allowed to have a large army and some of their land was taken away.

The leader of the Nazi party, Adolf Hitler came to lead the country. He thought that some people were better than others and the Nazis started killing people who did not fit into their ideal category. He also wanted to regain Germany's lost power. He decided to invade Poland and then other countries.

France and Britain had promised to protect Poland so they declared war on Germany.

Key Vocabulary

- **Rationing:** during the war, people did not have enough food so the amount of food people got had to be controlled and shared out equally.
- **Rationing coupon:** a small piece of paper people exchanged for food or clothes.
- **Propaganda:** a message that a government sends that is trying to persuade people to think and behave in a certain way.
- **Air raid:** an attack from German enemy planes.
- **Gas mask:** a mask that was carried around by citizens during WW2 to use if poisonous gas was dropped on them.
- **Blitz:** a German bombing campaign on Britain 1940-41.
- **Evacuate:** When people are sent away from where they live to somewhere else that is safe.
- **Air raid shelter:** an underground shelter that people hid in during the war to stay safe from the bombs that were being dropped.
- **Air raid siren:** an alarm that was used to warn people about an attack.
- **Blackout:** when people blocked all light coming from their windows and doors.