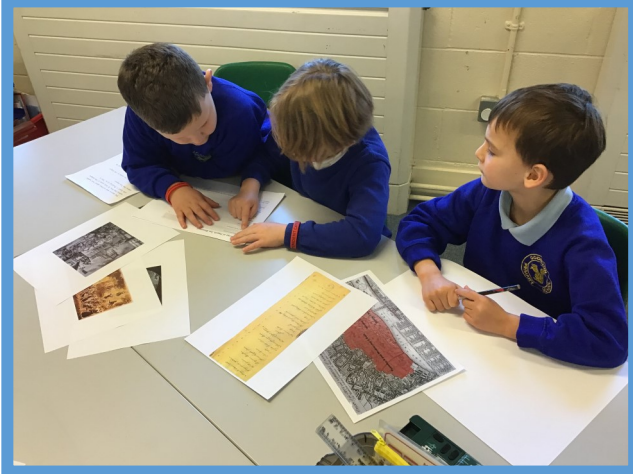


# History in Focus



Year 2 became history detectives to learn all about the devastating impact of the Great Fire of London. They studied maps to learn about the area affected, understood why so many buildings were destroyed and saw first hand how some materials burn very quickly. The unit of work concluded with a trip to London, taking a river trip down the Thames to see the famous landmarks of London.





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Year 4 have been learning about life as a child during World War Two. This included developing pupil understanding of the countries involved in World War Two, life as an evacuee and rationing.



Wednesday 30th April 2022

I understand how a key event in British History changed daily life

The Blitz ended in May 1941.

First bombing 7th September 1940.

The Blitz lasted for 11 weeks (except for 1 night).

In 1940 Hitler attacked Britain. The German airforce were called the 'Luftwaffe'.

One third of London was destroyed during the war.

The word 'Blitz' comes from a shortened version of the German word for 'lightning war' - Blitzkrieg.

By the end of the Blitz, 60,000 people had lost their lives, 87,000 people had been badly hurt and 2 million homes had been completely destroyed.

Anderson Shelter



During the Blitz, Anderson shelters were in great demand and the government supplied people with them if they earned less than £3 a week. However, those who earned more than £7 per week Anderson shelters could be bought for approximately £8.

Black Out



In the Blitz, the government introduced the blackout to the general public and in doing so, saved countless innocent people's lives. Everyone had to comply to the new law that said everyone had to block out any light coming from doors and windows. People would use heavy blackout curtains, cardboard or anything else they could find that would block out the light from the Luftwaffe.

Gas Attack



Gas attacks were a common fear among the public. Both adults and children were issued with gas masks and the children's gas masks were nicknamed 'Mickey Mouse' because of how they looked.

The London Times

8th September 1940

Blitz Bombing Britain  
by Raphael Toulson



House after bombing.

The appearance of the Blitz

Last night, the German bombing planes (Luftwaffe) were dropping explosive, incendiary bombs onto London to punish our island. Meanwhile, the V-weapons were launched and aimed at the coastline of the metropolis.

East London destroyed

At 15.17 the Luftwaffe bombed East London including the docks. Over 100 homeless civilians were persecuted and more than 75 houses were destroyed on that night. People were unable to leave and everyone was running and searching for air raid shelters. Experts predict that 250 bombs were dropped on the docks.

Docks attacked

As the Luftwaffe bombarded East London, it destroyed the docks and ships of the Navy with it. The people that survived

would never forget that day. About 2% of the Navy were killed in this unprecedented attack. Every Naval officer was shouting the phones down and some turning on the search light. All they could see was the orange hue engulfing the cranes and ships leaving nothing behind.

Volcanic Arsenal bombarded

At approximately midnight, Malmesbury and Luftwaffe protested an attack from the navy at the Volcanic Arsenal and left a trail of rubble behind. A report that 22 bombs dropped on the surrounding weapon maker.

Damaged for the price

After the bombing, docks were burnt. East London was badly damaged.

How to stay alive

Put your gas mask on, sit calm and stay in home or if you hear warning Whistle run to a air raid shelter.

Following onto the Volcanic Arsenal, reports estimated that the damage will cost millions. Evacuees and ambulances are searching for survivors and for the dead.

Police are also digging survivors out of the rubble. The Government report that the bombing is over. However, the blackout rules still apply to the city.

How to put Gas masks on

- 1) Breathe in and hold it.
- 2) Put it under your chin.
- 3) Then, over your head.
- 4) After that, spin your finger round.
- 5) Finally, breath out.

