A Child's War

A siren sounds and a Spitfire zooms overhead! It's 1939 and Britain is at war.

During this half term, we'll imagine what it was like to be evacuated and live with a family other than our own. Using different source materials, we'll learn about evacuation and write letters to our families 'back home'. We'll plot the Second World War's events on a timeline and learn about rationing, sing wartime songs and experience school in wartime. From a range of maps, we'll identify safe and dangerous places during the war, and learning about the Swansea Blitz will make us think about the consequences of war. After reading an extract from *The Diary of a Young Girl* by Anne Frank, we'll write wartime diaries. Princess Elizabeth's speech to the Commonwealth will rouse our spirits, and we'll learn about the celebrations that marked the end of the war.

At the end of the project, we'll create a special assembly to share our learning with you. We'll think about the feelings of evacuees as they returned home after the war, learn about the Welsh National War Memorial in Alexandra Gardens and create memorials to the Second World War.

Languages, literacy and communication	First-hand accounts, letters, newspaper reports, presentations, speeches
Humanities	The Second World War and its impact on Wales, timelines, evacuation, rationing, the Blitz, wartime roles, school life, Anne Frank, using and interpreting maps
Science and technology	Wartime recipes
Geography	Logo design
Mathematics and numeracy	Weighing and measuring
Expressive arts	Singing wartime songs
Health and well-being	Opinions, empathising with other's feelings, memorials

Help your child prepare for their project

We'll meet again! Why not visit your local library together to investigate how the Second World War affected your local area? You could also read an exciting fiction book set during the war. Or you could 'make do and mend', working together to create a model inspired by the Second World War from recycled materials or unwanted household items.