History Vision Map

Year 5 – *Significant Turning Point in History*: World War II
1939 - 1945

Crucial Knowledge	Intent
• World War II started in 1939 and ended in 1945 (8th May for Europe). • The War started because the Germans invaded Poland (under the leadership of Adolf Hitler). • England and France declared war on Germany (3rd September 1939). • There were two sides to the war – The Allies and the Axis. • The Allies were countries who supported Britain. • The Axis were countries who supported Germany. • Many 'little ships' rescued thousands of soldiers stuck at Dunkirk in France. • The Battle of Britain was the German's attempt to invade Britain. • Many places were bombed in Britain during the Blitz. • The Allies won the war in 1945 when the Germans surrendered (gave up). • Alan Turing made a computer to crack the German code machine.	• Recap - The Roman Empire (Year 4) and establish position of World War II on the history timeline • How the war began. The struggles in Germany since WW1 and Hitler's plan to be powerful • The invasion of Poland and the declaration of war • The Allies and the Axis • Winston Churchill • Operation Dynamo - Dunkirk • Concentration Camps • Aircraft (RAF and Luftwaffe) • Battle of Britain • The Blitz • Life in Britain during WWII: the Homefront • Alan Turing and Bletchley Park • The Life of Anne Frank • VE and VJ day. How the war changed the world