History – The Home Front – Year 5 - Autumn 1

Vocabulary Top Ten:			
appeasement	giving someone what they want to stop them causing trouble.	**Home Guard**	1.5 million men between ages of 17 and 65 who guarded the coast and important army posts
Blitz	Bombing raids that Germany launched against Britain during World War II	**morale**	the amount of confidence and cheerfulness that a group of people have.
censorship	limiting what people can say or write	**propaganda**	when someone tries to make you believe something even if it isn't completely true to help their cause
economy	the way people spend and make money	**ration**	to restrict or limit something
evacuation	to move or take away from a dangerous place	**VE Day**	shortened version of 'Victory in Europe Day' when Germany was defeated

Key Facts:
Britain was at war with Germany and her allies for 6 years but managed to win the war, despite all the hardship people faced.
Britain was led through the darkest days of the war by Winston Churchill and was helped especially by the USA, Russia and troops from across the British Empire, to win the war.
Many British cities were badly bombed and people killed, especially during what was known as the Blitz which saw massive destruction in the main industrial cities and ports as well as London.
Many children had to be evacuated to the countryside and billeted on foster families to avoid being bombed or gassed in air raids.
Everyone had a part to play in the war effort including 1.5 million women who worked in factories, farming transport and defence doing jobs such as delivering planes.
The government made use of propaganda to persuade the people that the war was going well.

