



Lesson year 5 - 6: World War 2 1939 – 1945

“What was life like for children during World War 2?”

Hook:

- Begin with a photo on the whiteboard of the evacuees, provide the children with a ‘quad grid’ for them to begin to ask questions based on what they would like to find out.
- A letter from an evacuee that the children find in the classroom. The letter will tell the children the type of life they had, and their experience of the evacuation. The letter will include a picture of the air raid shelter and will ask the children if they can create their own air raid shelter using different materials which are suitable.
- Arrange a trip for the children to ‘Brecon War Museum’ where they can collect facts and ideas for their task.

Questions:

- How would you feel if you were in this situation
- How do you think the children are feeling
- What type of clothing did they wear?
- What types of food could they access?
- Where are they going?
- Where are their families?
- What makes a good air raid shelter?

Resources:

- Ipads for research
- Materials for the air raid shelter
- Tea bags for the letter writing

How would the children present their findings:

- Create a poster / PowerPoint based on what they have found out about the War and the life children had.
- Present their findings to the class.
- Putting the letters on the wall for display.
- Give the children the opportunity to share their PowerPoints / posters in assembly for the school to see.
- Hot seating

Skills:

- Questioning
- Problem solving
- Literacy
- Exploring and experimenting
- Investigating sources and issues
- Seeing links between cause and effects
- Identifying what they want to find out and how to do it