

History Focus:	Why did the War come to Weymouth?	Year: 4
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(Key Vocabulary / Spellings)

evacuee	Winston Churchill	rationing	Anderson Shelter	torpedo factory
D-Day	harbour	Operation Overlord	campaign	air raid

(Key Knowledge)

Why were children evacuated during World War 2?

Why were children evacuated to Weymouth?
 Children were evacuated from the cities to safe places in the countryside. As the war progressed Weymouth and Portland became a busy military port. D Day was launched from Weymouth and Portland harbour.



What was life like as an evacuee in Weymouth?
 Children who were evacuated to Weymouth went to school for at least half a day. Memories and diaries of evacuees talk fondly of their time in Weymouth. The children were forbidden to play on the beach because it was not safe due to invasions. The beach was blocked off by barbed wire.

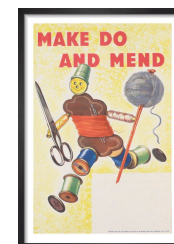


What did evacuees do to keep safe and enjoy themselves?

What types of shelters did evacuees use?
 Shelters were used during air raids. Families and their children sheltered in Anderson Shelters in the garden, Morrison Shelters in the home and sometimes communal shelters in the village, town or city. Dorchester's community shelter was where WHSmith is today.

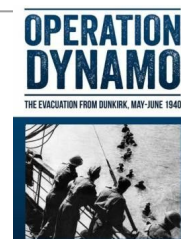


What types of games did evacuees play?
 Toy factories were commandeered and instead of making toys they were used to make weapons for the war effort. Due to rationing of materials, children were encouraged to use their imagination and make things from cardboard, wood and paper. Evacuees would spend time playing outside with others.



Who were the key historical figures of the time?

What role did Winston Churchill play in the success of the war?
 Winston Churchill was a good public speaker and leader of the people. He was able to organise the people with his public campaigns of Dig for Victory and make do and mend. His secret operations of Operation Overlord and Operation Dynamo were key to Britain winning the war.



Who was Anne Frank and what was her story?
 Anne Frank was a Jewish child whose family were forced to hide from the Nazis to escape persecution. Unfortunately they were caught and sent to a concentration camp. Anne Frank wrote a diary about her life during this time.

