Britain at War

Over the next two terms we are going to be learning all about the First and Second World Wars: why the wars started, which countries were involved, how Britain got involved and how life changed for Britons both on the frontline and back at home. Below are 10 different tasks linked to WW1 and WW2. Please complete at least tasks 2 before October half term and another 2 by Christmas.

1. Prepare a presentation about someone in your family (or research someone online) who was involved in either WW1 or WW2. Was it a man who went off to fight for his country, a woman who had to work in the factories or a child who was evacuated? What can they remember about that time and how was their life changed by the war?

2. Learn a poem about WW1 or WW2 and read it aloud to the class.

3. Build a model tank from WW1 or a model plane from WW2.

4. Create a map of the trenches. Which parts of France and Belgium were they in and how far did they stretch down through Europe?

5. Design and make a propaganda poster to encourage people to join the war effort.

6. Research what life was like for women in the war – many women had to work as canary girls, land girls, nurses etc. Present your findings as a letter written to a loved one at the time.

7. Write a diary entry as a soldier in WW1 following the Christmas day truce in 1914.

8. Find out the meanings of these important war themed words: war, conflict, alliance, fascism, imperialism, invasion, militarism, nationalism, retaliation, expansionism.

9. Write a poem describing what it was like being a soldier in WW1 or WW2.

10. Create a wordsearch or crossword puzzle using words linked to WW1 or WW2.