Ellie’s History Guide: The Second World War

Step back in time with Ellie the Elephant to uncover the stories that shaped our modern world!

- **The war began in 1939 when Germany invaded Poland, leading Britain and France to declare war in defence of their ally.**
- **Millions of children were evacuated from major cities to the countryside to keep them safe from the dangers of the Blitz bombing raids.**
- **Rationing was introduced to ensure fair distribution of food and clothing, with families using small books of coupons to buy essentials like sugar, meat, and tea.**
- **Women played a vital role on the Home Front, taking over jobs in factories, transport, and agriculture that were previously held by men.**
- **The war ended in Europe in May 1945, a day famously celebrated across the UK as VE Day (Victory in Europe Day).**

Did you know? Did you know? During the war, the government introduced the 'Dig for Victory' campaign, encouraging families to turn their flower gardens and parks into vegetable patches to help feed the nation when food imports were restricted!

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