



## Year 6 World War I

### Key Vocabulary

Mustard gas	A toxic war gas that causes blisters and attacks the eyes and lungs.
Fascism	A set of right wing political beliefs that includes strong control of society and the economy of the state.
Ottoman empire	Turkish empire in Europe, Asia and Africa.
League of nations	International organisation formed in 1920 to promote co-operation and peace.
Schlieffen plan	A German military tactic for winning the war by holding off Russia with minimal strength and defeating France by attacking through Belgium.
Attrition	Steadily reduce the strength of an enemy by continually attacking them down.
Shellschok	Loss of sight or memory as a result of psychological strain from prolonged engagement in warfare.
Trench foot	A form of frostbite affecting the feet of people after they have stood in cold water for too long.
No man's land	An area of land between either side's trenches that is not controlled by anyone.

### The Army in WWI

Tanks were first used in warfare in WWI



British troops in the trenches at the Battle of Somme



The Handley Page O/400 was Britain's best bomber plane in WWI



28th July 1914 -  
World War I begins

22nd April - 25th May 1915 - Second  
Battle of Ypres, Germans use chemical  
weapons for the first time

1st July 1916 - 18th  
November 1916 - Battle  
of the Somme

6th April 1917 - The  
USA joins the  
Allies

30th October - 3rd November 1918 - Armistice  
signed leaving Germany without allies

### World War II - Timeline of events

28th June 1914 - Archduke  
Franz Ferdinand assassinated

5th September 1914 - Battle of the  
Marne - an allied victory in France

21st February - 18th December  
1916 - Battle of Verdun

3rd March 1918 - Russia leaves the  
war due to the Communist revolution

11th November 1918 - Germany  
signs Armistice to end WWI