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Learning Focus: To encourage independence, differentiation and extension of curriculum activities.	
Curriculum Focus: Cross Curricular Class work – History	
Tools used: Wiki	

The screenshot shows a Wiki page with a yellow background. At the top, there are navigation tabs: Article, Discuss Article, Article History, and Wiki Map. The main heading is "What were the effects of World War 2 on children in England?". Below this, it asks "What do we know about World War 2?". A text box says: "The WIKI tool will allow us all to co-construct the information on the headings below." Another text box says: "You will break off into teams. Each team will own one of the headings below. Your job will be to become experts on the area you have chosen." There are instructions on how to find facts, edit the page, and use resources. At the bottom, there are two boxes: "Your wiki page: Rationing" and "Useful information: Rationing information and activities" with a small image of a ration book.

Use the rubric below to evaluate your work, and give you ideas about how to improve it.

	Good	Great	Amazing
Content - What I've written about	I have included at least 3 facts about the subject I am researching.	I have explained in detail about the facts I have found, explaining how I feel about it, or how others may have felt. I have written about a picture I have inserted, explaining what is happening.	I have found and inserted a sound or movie file, and written about it. I have started writing about another topic, related to what I was writing about, so I have started on a new wiki page.
Layout and Presentation - The way it looks	I have written using my favourite font, and changed the colour.	I have added a relevant picture. I have changed the font, size and colour to make it look suitable to the topic.	I have inserted a table, and put my writing in one of the cells, and a picture in another.

At the bottom right, there are buttons for "Discuss This Article" and "Edit This Article".

How this worked in practice: Children have been studying World War II as their History topic at Grappenhall Heys Primary School. In the example seen above you can see that children have been given a task of finding out factual information about specific aspects of the topic as determined by the teacher's coverage and progression planning. Children worked in teams, differentiated to suit their needs, to find and report back these facts within a Wiki which enabled the class to be collectively co-constructing knowledge together by working collaboratively. The ways in which they shared the information would also develop their communication skills.

To scaffold their direction, resourcing and thinking, the teacher leading this task has provided children with their initial WikiLinked pages to ensure that all children work in linked areas. In addition, the teacher has also provided some links to initial starting resources to aid and support children's research and investigation.

As an integral part of the work, children were prompted to use the self-assessment rubric at the bottom of the main Wiki page to enable them to direct their work, self-review and improve their outcomes. This included both historical investigation success criteria, but also the presentational and communication criteria.

By the end of this sequence of work children had developed skills in:

Literacy: Sharing and Communicating Ideas, Critical Interpretation of Text & Non Fiction information

History: Historical Investigation

Next Steps: The children could create links between their class area and their Eportfolio homepage in order to suggest resources and links to support peers learning, and also showcase their own learning achievements relating to the current work. This 3-Dimensional shared wiki then serves to acknowledge prior learning, scaffold current learning, celebrate new achievements and extend future learning.