

# DIG FOR VICTORY

# Knowledge Placemat

The Second World War began after tensions had risen to breaking point between Britain and Germany. Learning from previous conflicts, the British government put in place a series of campaigns to build an infrastructure of support and supply in order to maintain the economy, reinforce food supplies and raise morale across the nation.

The Dig for Victory campaign sought to encourage everyone who was able to grow fruit and vegetables in their own homes and in the local community.

The Ministry of Food was set up to help families make the most of their rations. They provided recipes and advice, demonstrating, for example, how to use powdered eggs and be creative with what was available.

Food supplies were under great pressure during the second World War, and the availability of some day-to-day supplies was controlled by the government.

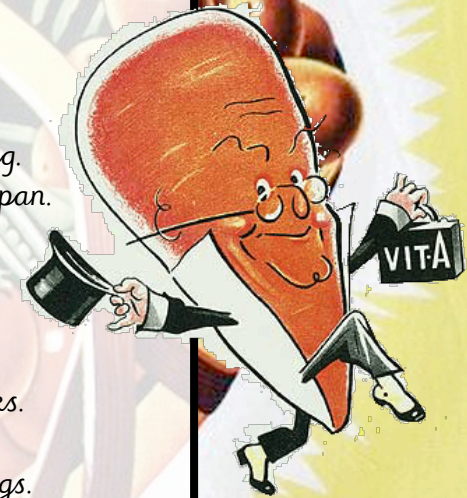


The picture shows the allowance of some produce that was allocated to each adult for a week. Everyone, no matter what social class, was subject to rationing.

The only way many were able to get enough food to feed their families was to grow their own.

## Key Vocabulary

<b>Air raid</b>	Attack from the air
<b>Air raid shelter</b>	Safe area used to hide during air raid attacks.
<b>Allies</b>	Fought the Axis powers in World War II.
<b>Allotment</b>	A given area of land used to grow fruit and veg.
<b>Atomic bomb</b>	A weapon of mass destruction used against Japan.
<b>Axis</b>	Fought the Allied powers in World War II.
<b>Blackout</b>	A time of enforced darkness during air raids.
<b>Blitz</b>	An intensive or sudden military attack.
<b>British Empire</b>	Countries around the world under British rule.
<b>Civil Defence</b>	Organising the public to be prepared for attacks.
<b>Coupons</b>	Vouchers given to shops by customers.
<b>D-Day</b>	The name for the day of the Normandie landings.
<b>Evacuee</b>	Someone moved away from a place of danger.
<b>Gas mask</b>	Protective mask used to resist chemicals in the air.
<b>The Holocaust</b>	Destruction or slaughter on a mass scale.
<b>Invaded</b>	Entered with the intention to take control.
<b>Nazi Party</b>	The National Socialist German Workers' Party.
<b>Propaganda</b>	Biased information with a political purpose.
<b>Rationing</b>	To only be allowed to have a fixed amount of something.
<b>Refugee</b>	Someone forced to leave their country to escape war.
<b>Siren</b>	A loud, prolonged warning sound.
<b>Slogan</b>	A short, memorable phrase used to advertise.



People started to keep animals such as chickens, pigs and goats in their gardens in order to use up food scraps and provide extra food sources. Rationing continued until 1954 and the use of allotments continues even now.

