

Evacuate! Wartime Harrow

Session takes approx. 90 mins

Aim: Discover Harrow's pivotal role in the Battle of Britain as well as everyday life for people on the 'home front'. Focus on the Kodak kids who were evacuated from Harrow. Learn through artefacts, photos and maps.

Session breakdown

Whole class: Presentation and discussion about WWII Harrow. Wherever possible we invite a real evacuee to come and share her experiences.

Object handling (half the class): Examine artefacts, maps and photos to focus in on: Air Raids (and air raid precautions); Rationing; Threats of gas attacks; and other experiences of people on the home front.

Creative activity (half the class): Focus on evacuation and what happened to the Kodak Kids. Create and pack an evacuation suitcase, where the children will think about what they would take with them today.

Curriculum Links:

- History: a study of an aspect of history or a site dating from a period beyond 1066 that is significant in the locality
- A significant turning point in British history, for example, the Battle of Britain
- Historical questioning skills.
- Geography: use of maps