

## Keep smiling through . . .

### A World War II evacuation experience at KS2



## CEES at Stibbington Centre

If requested a "mix & match" programme of learning activities from different day courses may be selected.

To reduce travel costs it may be possible for 2 classes from the same school to follow 2 different courses on the same day.

At KS1 & 2, CEES Day Course themes at Stibbington Centre, Burwell House, Wisbech Castle and Vine House Farm include:

#### Science

Exploring the environment  
Rocks & soils  
Energy & renewables  
Habitats & food chains  
Plants & minibeasts  
Crime Scene Investigation

#### Geography

Map skills & location  
Weather & climate  
Exploring a locality  
Rivers and water

#### History

Romans      Vikings  
Victorians    WW1  
WW2 Evacuation

#### Art & design

Eco Art & the environment

#### English & maths

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## Day Course Information:

### Curriculum focus – History

An aspect of British history beyond 1066. A local study.

#### Aims

- ✓ To use role play to empathise with a child evacuated from London in the 1940s, and to understand the feelings and experiences of evacuees.
- ✓ To learn about the impact of the Second World War on home life in the countryside, school lessons and play.
- ✓ To use historical terminology associated with wartime Britain accurately and confidently.
- ✓ To understand that a range of sources and resources can be used to find out about evacuation and life in wartime Britain.

*When there are two classes on the same day, sessions A and B are interchangeable before and after lunch. The programme may vary depending on the number and needs of pupils, length of visit and weather.*

**Introduction** On arrival at the Nene Valley Railway Station a CEES teacher will escort the group to the station platform and prepare pupils to assume the role of evacuees arriving by train from London. In the role of billeting officer, the CEES teacher will welcome the evacuees to the countryside. During a walk to Stibbington Centre, pupils find out about the homes where they are to be billeted, and about life in the British countryside in wartime.

**Session A** At the Centre pupils complete Identity Cards, filling in details of their new guardian and address in the countryside. They learn about life in wartime Britain using a poster-based quiz and there's the option to buy rationed souvenirs using old pennies too.

**Lunch time** A period-style lunch is provided as part of the Evacuation experience and for playtime afterwards there is a wide range of reproduction wartime toys for pupils to play with.

**Session B** Lessons in the period classroom may include: a message for the evacuees from young Princess Elizabeth; gas mask drill; an air raid featuring planes, bombing and an air raid shelter; singing; spelling and arithmetic; rations and writing postcards home to mums and dads in London.

**Review** Prior to departure there will be a chance to reflect on the day.

*A comprehensive teachers' pack including the names of children who were evacuated to Stibbington in 1940, templates and costume ideas will be supplied with booking forms.*

### Risk management

See separate "**Guidance notes for safe and effective Day Courses**"

**Supervision:** For this Day Course our recommended adult:pupil ratio for safety is 1:8 in pre-arranged working groups

**Weather conditions:** CEES teachers are aware of daily weather forecasts and may adjust programmes depending on weather conditions on the day. See separate guidance on outdoor clothing and footwear.

**Equipment:** Instructions are given on the safe use of all equipment.

**Village roads:** Pupils are instructed to walk in single file or not more than two abreast, using a pavement where possible. The CEES teacher walks ahead of the group, with one adult at the rear and others walking with their group. When walking and working in small groups, pupils are instructed to stay close to their supervisory adult.