

## World War Two



During World War Two, when many cities were being bombed, children were 'evacuated' to the countryside for safety. Many went to farms, such as Tatton Park's Farm. Our Farm looks just as it did in 1939. You can step back in time and meet the people who lived and worked there. Or, come on a school trip and experience life as an 'evacuee'.

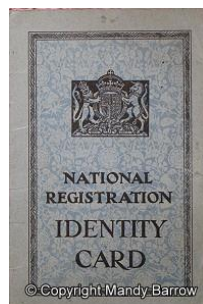
**Here are a few fun activities for you to try in the classroom or at home, to introduce you to life during wartime...**

### Activity 1: Pack Up Your Troubles...

When they were evacuated, every child packed a small suitcase containing their belongings. This would include items such as: clean clothes, pyjamas, soap, a toothbrush, favourite photographs, and a book or toy.

**Find a bag or suitcase at home and carefully select objects you would take with you if you were being evacuated. You are only allowed a total of 10 items in the suitcase. Can you explain why you have chosen these items?**

### Activity 2: Who Are You?



In 1939, the National Registration Act stated that everyone must carry an identity card at all times. This card showed a person's name and address, and other details. If someone moved to a new house during the war, their change of address was recorded also.



**Make your own identity card. Fold a piece of card in half and write 'NATIONAL REGISTRATION IDENTITY CARD' on the front. Inside, write your name and address and add a photo or drawing of yourself. Put this safely inside your evacuee suitcase.**

You can also buy replica cards online: <https://www.amazon.co.uk/Childrens-Identity-Card-World-War/dp/B00E4MPDWK>

### Activity 3: All Aboard...

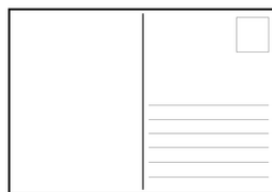


But it wasn't only an identity card that evacuees carried to ensure people knew who they were. Children who were being evacuated were taken to the railway station by their parents or guardians, and sent off with a label attached to their clothing. This made sure that when they got off the train at the other end, people there would know who they were and where they had come from. Can you imagine what it would have been like to arrive in a strange place, and go home to a new house?

**Make your own identity tag. You could make one out of card with string, or use a luggage label. Why not stain it with tea bags to make it look brown and old?**

You can also download a template for free from the Internet: <https://www.paperzip.co.uk/ww2-evacuee-tag-template/>

### Activity 4: Letters Home



Being an evacuee would be a scary time for children. They were sent away from their families and had to stay with a new family in a place they had never been before. But it was also an exciting time, because they got the chance to see and do lots of things in the country that they would not normally do in the city. Evacuees would write letters or postcards home to their families to let them know they were safe and to tell them about what they had been doing.

**Imagine that you are an evacuee and write a letter or postcard to your family. Think about how you would be feeling, how life in the country is different to the city and what the good and bad things about being evacuated are. Make sure you add some drawings!**

