

What will you choose to do?

- Keep a diary and record things that are happening in your life.
- Talk to friends or family about their wartime or post-war memories or experiences. Write down or record their responses.
- Make a scrapbook of Second World War images and write captions for each one. Consider how the people in the photographs may be feeling.
- Dress up as an evacuated child. Make a gas mask box and write an evacuee label showing your name, address and school. Ask someone to take a photograph then print it with a sepia effect to make it look authentic!
- Make do and mend! Can you revamp some of your old clothes to make new clothes? Maybe you could 'upcycle' some unwanted household items and make them useful in a whole new way! Bring them to school to show your classmates and share your ideas.
- Find out what happened in your local area during the War. Were any children evacuated or did your local area host evacuees?
- Find some wartime recipes and make a typical meal using foods that would have been rationed at the time. Can you work out the nutritional value of the meal?
- Record a wartime radio broadcast. If possible, use an audio editing package to add sound effects, such as air raid sirens or overhead aircraft.
- Dig for Victory! Find out about the types of vegetables people were encouraged to grow during the War and have a go at growing or cooking some! Popular vegetables included potatoes, cabbage and cauliflowers.
- Imagine you are an evacuee: you're allowed to take just one book with you to your new home. Which one would you take? Conduct a survey amongst family and friends to find out which book they would choose and why. Present your findings to the class.
- Imagine a child has been evacuated to your home. How would you make them feel welcome? How could you support them if they were missing their home or family? Which places in your local area would you like to show them?