

Lower 3 interact with the past



Lower 3 continued their Second World War topic by rooting around in an evacuee's suitcase. Whilst this would have been considered the height of bad form eighty years ago, today it provides an invaluable and interactive learning experience.

The children first considered what they would expect to find inside an evacuee's suitcase and then explored the real thing to see what they had missed, discussing thoughtfully why each item might have been required.

In the process, they examined a ration book and an identity card, as well as perusing family photographs, letters home and contemporary reading matter. They handled genuine toys, trading cards and money from the time as well as a real gas mask. The children even inspected our theoretical evacuee's lunch box and made what was perhaps their most shocking discovery: Kit Kats used to be blue!

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