## Second World War Children

Choose the correct word to label the picture.



suitcase

gas mask

evacuees

children

bags

name tag



### The Suitcase

#### Look at the suitcase and its contents. Discuss the following questions with your partner:

How old do you think the suitcase is?

Who do you think the suitcase belongs to?

What do you think it is to be used for?

What do you know about the contents of the case?

What do the contents tell us about the owner of the case?

Why would the owner of the case need those items?

What else might the owner want to pack in the case?



#### **Evacuee Suitcase**

Scotland in the Second World War: 1939 to 1945

Government recommended list of items for children to pack when evacuated:

#### **Every Child**

- Gas mask
- · Identity card
- Packed lunch
- Overcoat or mackintosh
- Comb
- Toothbrush
- Soap

- Towel
- Facecloth
- 6 handkerchiefs
- · Wellington boots





Children were given identification labels like the one this girl is wearing.

#### Boys:

- Pair of trousers
- Pullover or jersey
- Shirt
- 2 vests
- 2 pairs of pants
- · 2 pairs of socks



#### Girls:

- Skirt
- Blouse
- 2 pairs of knickers
- 2 pairs of stockings
- Slip (under-skirt)
- Vest
- Petticoat
- Cardigan

People had to carry their gas mask at all times and could be fined if caught without it.









# **Evacuation Suitcase Activity**

Scotland in the Second World War: 1939 to 1945

Research some of the items children during the Second World War would have taken in their suitcase when they were evacuated. Draw and label the items:





