

Evacuation Day

Dear Parents/Carers,

As part of our project this half term, 'Keep Calm and Carry On', Year 6 will be having an Evacuation Day on **Tuesday 6th December**. For this day, we would like the children to come to school prepared for a WW2 'evacuation'.



Firstly, we would like the children to dress in clothes similar to what they would have worn during World War Two. This could simply be making a few changes to their school uniform however, you could be more imaginative if you like. For example, boys could wear a flat cap with shorts and long socks and girls could wear a dress or a skirt with tights or long socks and a matching scrunchie. You may be able to find some cheap items in a charity shop that would be suitable.

When children were evacuated during World War Two, they were not able to take many belongings with them when they were moved to another city or town. To enable the children to appreciate how difficult this was, we would also like them to bring 2 possessions which they would have taken with them. We will share some of these items in circle time on Evacuation Day and say why they are so important to us. It may include something which brings them comfort (a photograph or cuddly toy) and something to keep them entertained from the WW2 era (e.g. playing cards, marbles or colouring pencils).

Children would have also taken their gas mask when they were evacuated, which was stored in a box. Another optional task is for the children to make a gas mask box and bring it with them on Evacuation Day. In order to do this, the children can use their mathematical knowledge by making this box from a net. They can use the net design that is on the reverse or they can create their own net to make a cube or cuboid. The boxes were rigid so it would be good to use a strong material like cardboard to make the box (empty cereal boxes would be perfect!)

We hope that the children are looking forward to this very exciting day!

Kind regards,

Year 6 team



WWII GAS MASK BOX NET

