



School Workshop Information

Level: Second (P6/7) Duration: 90 Minutes

Experience what life was like in West Lothian area during the 1940s.

Explore the impact World War II had on local people.

Handle objects, investigate eye-witness accounts and take part in costumed role play

The workshop is delivered in four sections. The group will be divided into three groups and rotate around the first three activities. The group will then come together for the last part of the workshop.

Pre-Visit

Please split the class into three groups for the workshop activities

A minimum of three adult helpers are required.

Aid Raids and the Blitz – 25 minutes

Learning Intentions

Pupils will learn about what it was like during an air raid, the role of the Air Raid Warden and the threat of bombing during the Blitz.

Pupils will investigate eye-witness accounts of the Raid on the Forth.

Success Criteria

Pupils can express feelings about using a gas mask and enduring an air raid.

Pupils will have used primary and secondary sources and be able to identify if they are trustworthy.

Life in the Home – 25 minutes

Learning Intentions

Pupils will experience what life would have been like at home during the 1940s. Pupils will learn about rationing, make do and mend and home growing through object handling.

Success Criteria

Pupils will demonstrate what they have learned and express opinions through group discussion and object handling.

Pupils will be able to draw comparisons between the 1940s and today and understand the importance of making the most of resources.

Children in War – 25 minutes

Learning Intentions

Pupils will investigate an evacuee's suitcase and discover what life was like for wartime children.

Pupils will take part in a role play to explore the reality of being an evacuee.

Success Criteria

Pupils will demonstrate what they have learnt by working in groups and contributing to discussions.

Pupils can express feelings through role play.

Whole Class Session - 15 minutes

Depending on which facilitators are available the last session will be one of the following:

People on the Home Front

Learning Intentions

Pupils will learn about the different roles on the Home Front by creating a timeline and participating in role play activities dressed in

Success Criteria

Pupils will be able to place developments appropriately on a timeline.

Pupils will demonstrate what they have learned

Wartime Communication

Learning Intentions

Pupils will learn about the different methods of communication used during World War Two.

Pupils will explore period posters and film.

Success Criteria

Pupils will demonstrate what they have learned and be able to compare and contrast methods of communication with those used today

EXPERIENCES AND OUTCOMES

CURRICULUM AREAS

Social Studies: People, Past Events and Societies

SOC2-01a I can use primary and secondary sources selectively to research events in the past.

SOC2-03 I can investigate a Scottish historical theme to discover how past events or the actions of individuals or groups have shaped Scottish society

SOC2-04a I can compare and contrast a society in the past with my own and contribute to a discussion of the similarities and differences.

SOC2-06 I can discuss why people and events from a particular time in the past were important, placing them within a historical sequence

Technologies

TCH2-01a I can investigate how an everyday product has changed over time to gain an awareness of the link between scientific and technological developments.

Expressive Arts – Drama

EXA 2-13a Inspired by a range of stimuli, I can express and communicate my ideas, thoughts and feelings through drama.