

Class 4 Evacuation!

On Wednesday 30th January 2019 Class 4 were joined by children from Beech Class at Cheriton Fitzpaine as we were 'evacuated' from our school to the safety of the countryside! We were met at school by the billeting officer, who explained that there were few houses nearby ready to accept more evacuees as there had been a train load arrive the previous week! He read out some local families who were looking for particular children, such as strong boys to work on the farm, or girls with lovely singing voices to live near the church. Children were then sent on their way to find their new homes: '3 miles away, follow the river, you can't miss it!' We then walked (in the snow!) towards the Rec where we met the Air Raid Patrol warden called Colonel Trotter. He showed us a variety of gas masks and told us numerous stories about things that had happened while on patrol. We also participated in an Andersen shelter building challenge! In the afternoon (after a lunch full of rationed goods, and a few games of shove halfpenny!) we headed back to school and completed a carousel of activities: first aid, semaphore, drama and art. It was a fantastic day!

