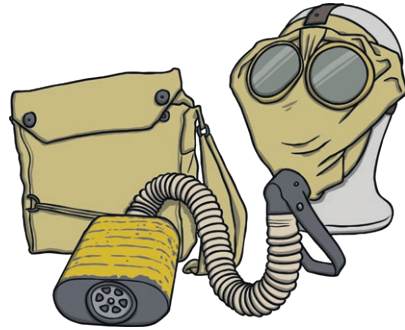
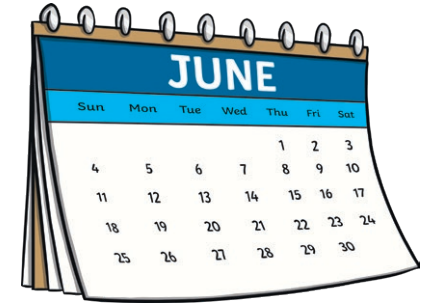


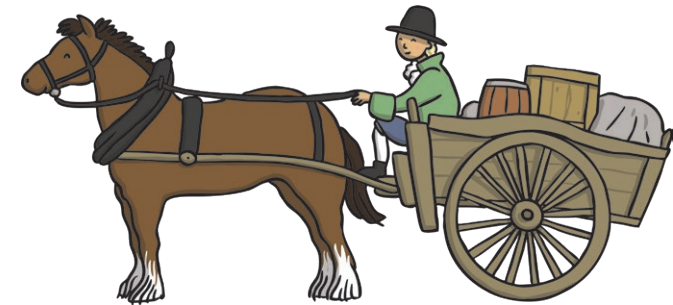
A year before the war, the government gave out 40 million gas masks!



Many people believed that the war would only last for six weeks.



By 1941, there were 1.3 million evacuees.



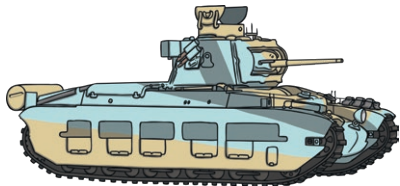
The groceries were often delivered by bike, van or horse and cart.

Wartime meals included squirrel-tail soup and crow pie.



In 1940, Princess Elizabeth (now Queen Elizabeth II) broadcast a radio message to evacuees.

Lots of people were poorly with colds and flus, which caused Britain to lose 20 million working days a year. That's enough to build 3500 tanks!



People used torches to walk around at night, as there were no street lights. They covered the end with paper to dim the beam.



Children weren't allowed to fly kites in case they were mistaken for an enemy plane.

More than 100 000 British women married American or Canadian soldiers.

Most young boys wore short trousers. When they left junior school, they were given long trousers.

School children wore hats as part of their uniform.

There were no home computers or computer games during the war. They hadn't been invented!

Anderson shelters were covered in soil. People would grow vegetables and flowers on top.

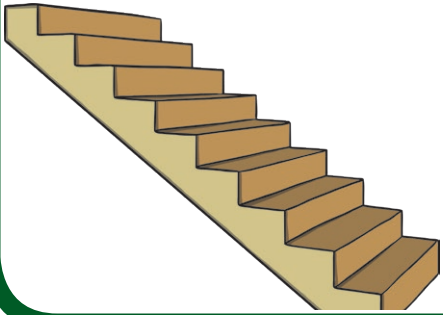


Many people kept food, drink, books and games inside their Anderson shelters.



Fire-watchers carried a dustbin lid. They used it to shield the heat when putting out fire bombs.

Many people sheltered under the stairs at home. This was the safest place.



By 1941, over 2 million homes had been destroyed by bombing.

Eating carrots was rumoured to help you see in the dark.



Old Christmas cards and crackers were turned into cartons for explosives.



**More than 2 million
soldiers from the Indian
Army served in the
Second World War.**