

# YEAR 5 HISTORY SHOWCASE

Evacuation in World War Two

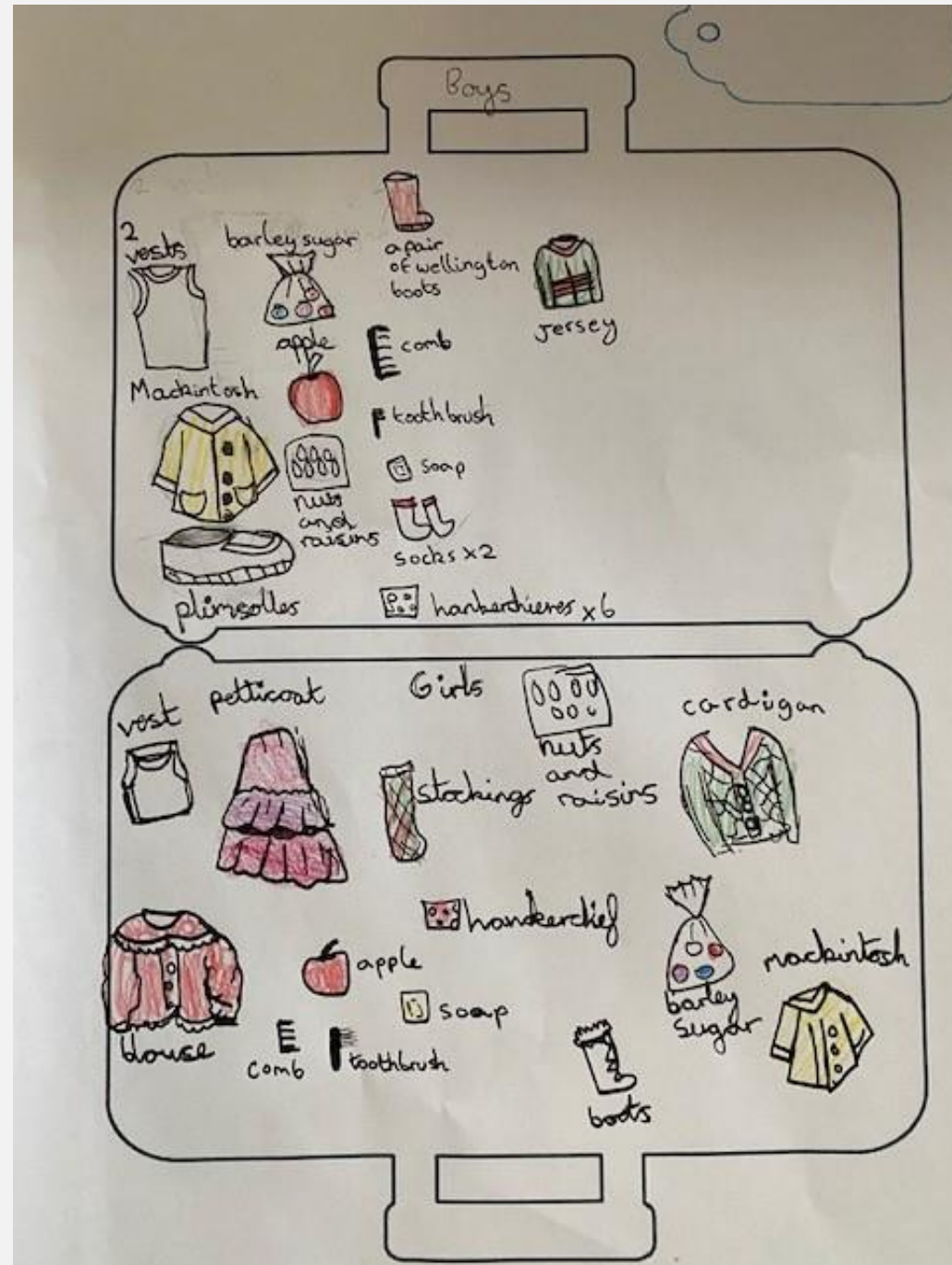
Joan's Letter Home

Joan's Evacuation Suitcase

# LILY'S SUITCASE



# AMELIA'S SUITCASE



## CHARLIE'S LETTER

Dear Mother

Hello mother, I hope you are well. It was very scary when you left us at the train station. The train journey was ten hours long but I held my brother's hand the whole way! In addition, the train journey was very dark and spooky but when we got to Penzance it was nice and bright. After that, the teachers took us to the town hall to choose where we would live for the time being. When we got there, there was only one couple left and they picked my brother and not me. But I held his hand and I got to go with him anyway. I am staying with a family of seven on a big farm. There are two boys and three girls and a mother and father. When I got there I was surprised how big the space was and how there was so many animals.

I got on okay with the family but the two boys had to go to the army, so the family moved to a smaller farm. I had to be taken away because there wasn't enough room and I was taken in by another woman. But I missed my brother so I ran away back to him. I was then taken in by a different woman with a dog who was tied to a chain in the cellar. I was made to go down there and get the coal even though the woman knew I didn't like the dog.

I am doing okay. I am missing you very much and look forward to coming home soon.

Love Joan



## IEUAN'S SUITCASE



Dear mother,

The train journey was so long and dark, I felt so scared and nervous without you..

The billeting hall was really horrid though. We were the last ones there, the first family only wanted my brother and not me, but they had to take me because I would not let go of his hand, I thought that was what you would have wanted.

The family that we were staying with at the beginning they very nice but one day they said there was not enough room for me so they sent me off to live with another family without my brother, I hated that, I kept running back to that house to be with me brother until the lady I lived with asked to have me taken away.

Once again I was moved.

This lady makes me dress up in her grown up daughters clothes which smelt like moth balls, I hate her for that.

She also has a nasty dog which lives in the cellar, chained to the wall in the daytime.

She makes me go down there to fetch the coal, she knows I am frightened of the dog.

But I am alright so is my brother. I have been to visit him a couple of times. The greenery is amazing here and the fresh air smell is beautiful you would love it here..

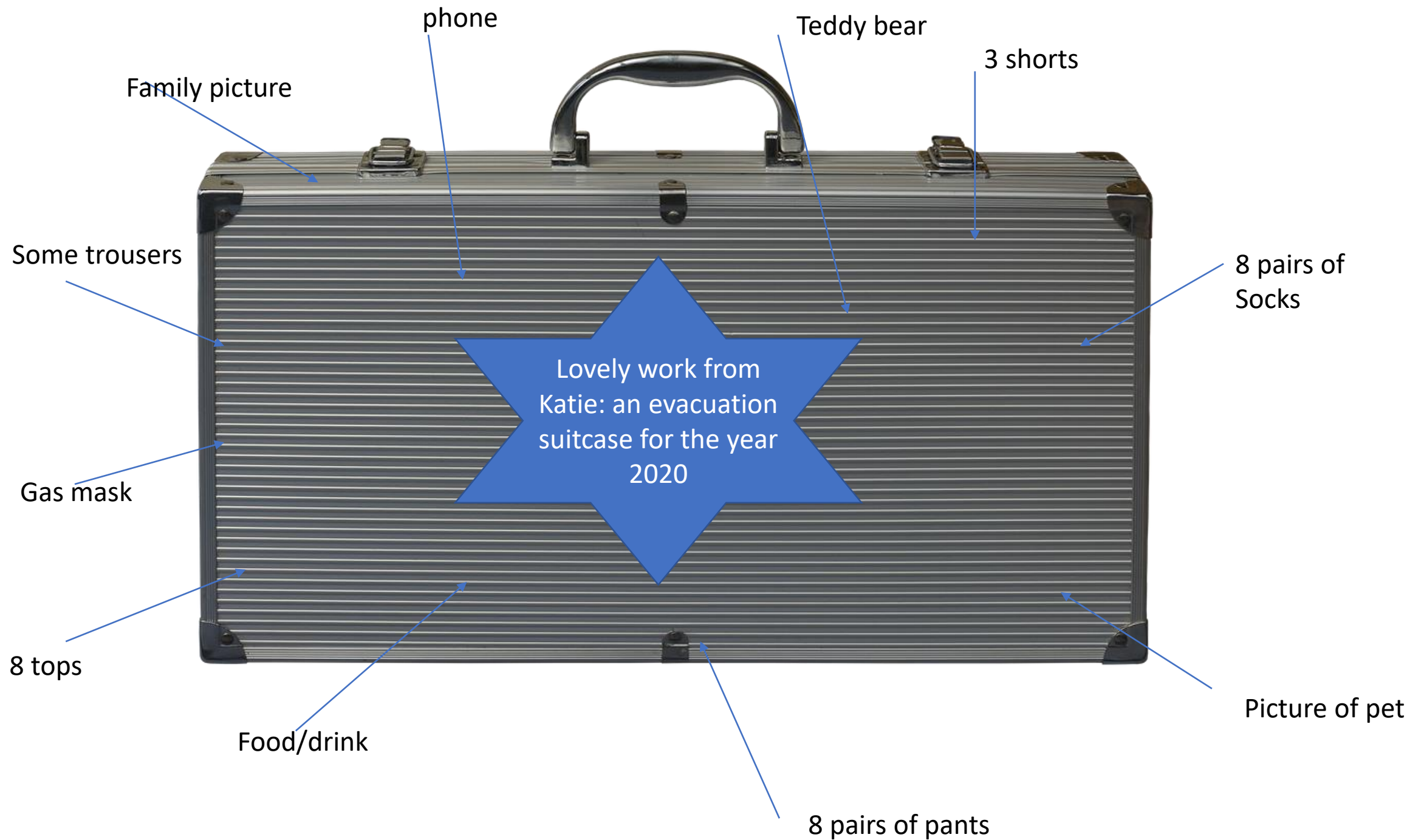
I really miss you and I hope you are well and safe.. Is London alright?

Hope to see you soon.

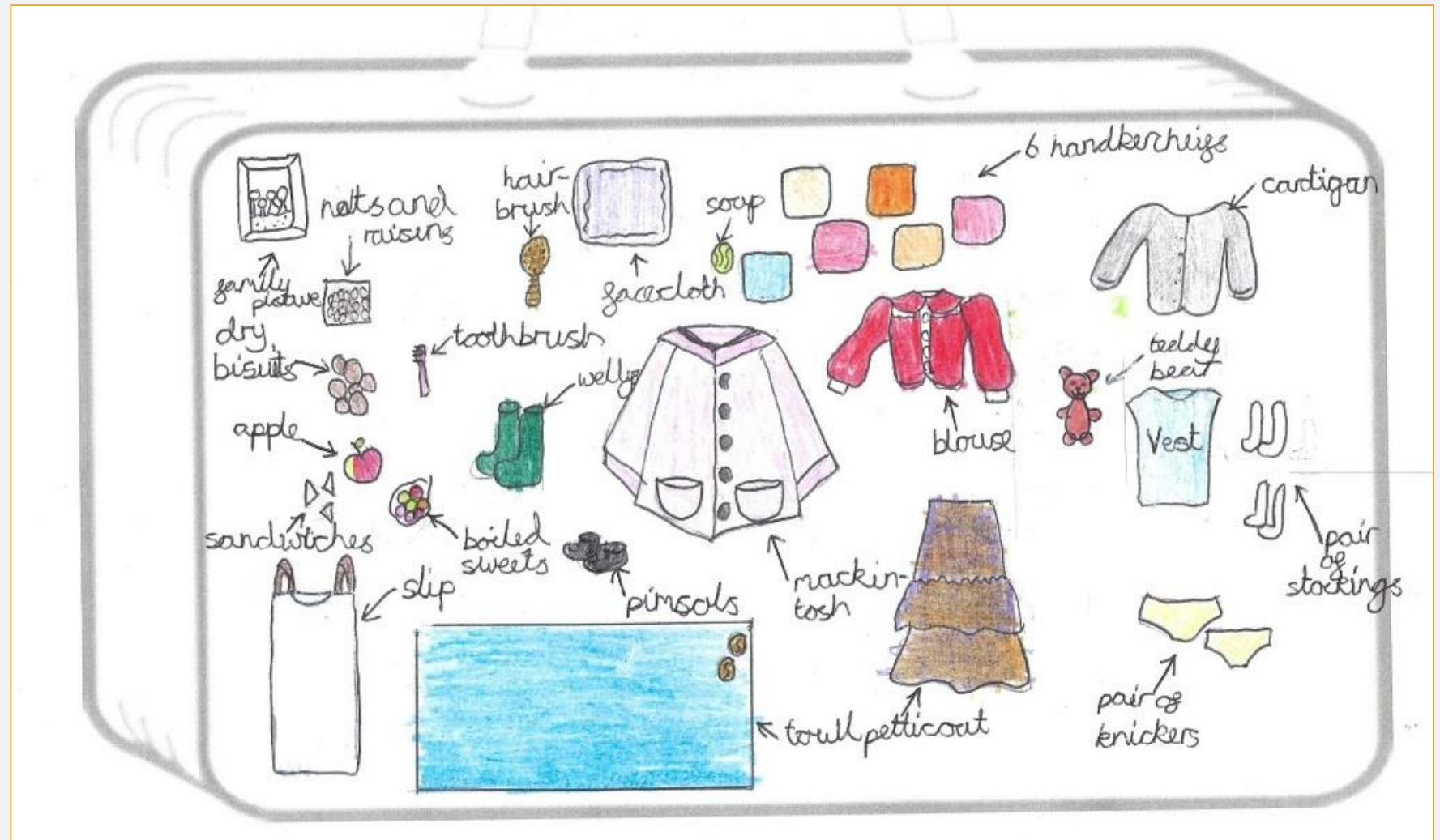
Joan



Lovely work  
from Katie



# LIZZIE'S SUITCASE





# LIZZIE'S LETTER

Dear Mother,

So much has happened since we left the train station. I am still confused at why you did not come on the train with us. I miss you very much.

The journey was very long, 10 hours the teacher said. We arrived at a village called Penzance. We went into a big hall and stood on a stage whilst people took the children away. We were the last ones left. A man and a woman wanted to take my brother but not me, but I held his hand like you told me to, so they had to take us both.

The man and woman are called Mr and Mrs Opie. They live on a farm with two boys and three girls. They are very kind and are doing their best to comfort us. Their farm is very green and it has lots of fields.

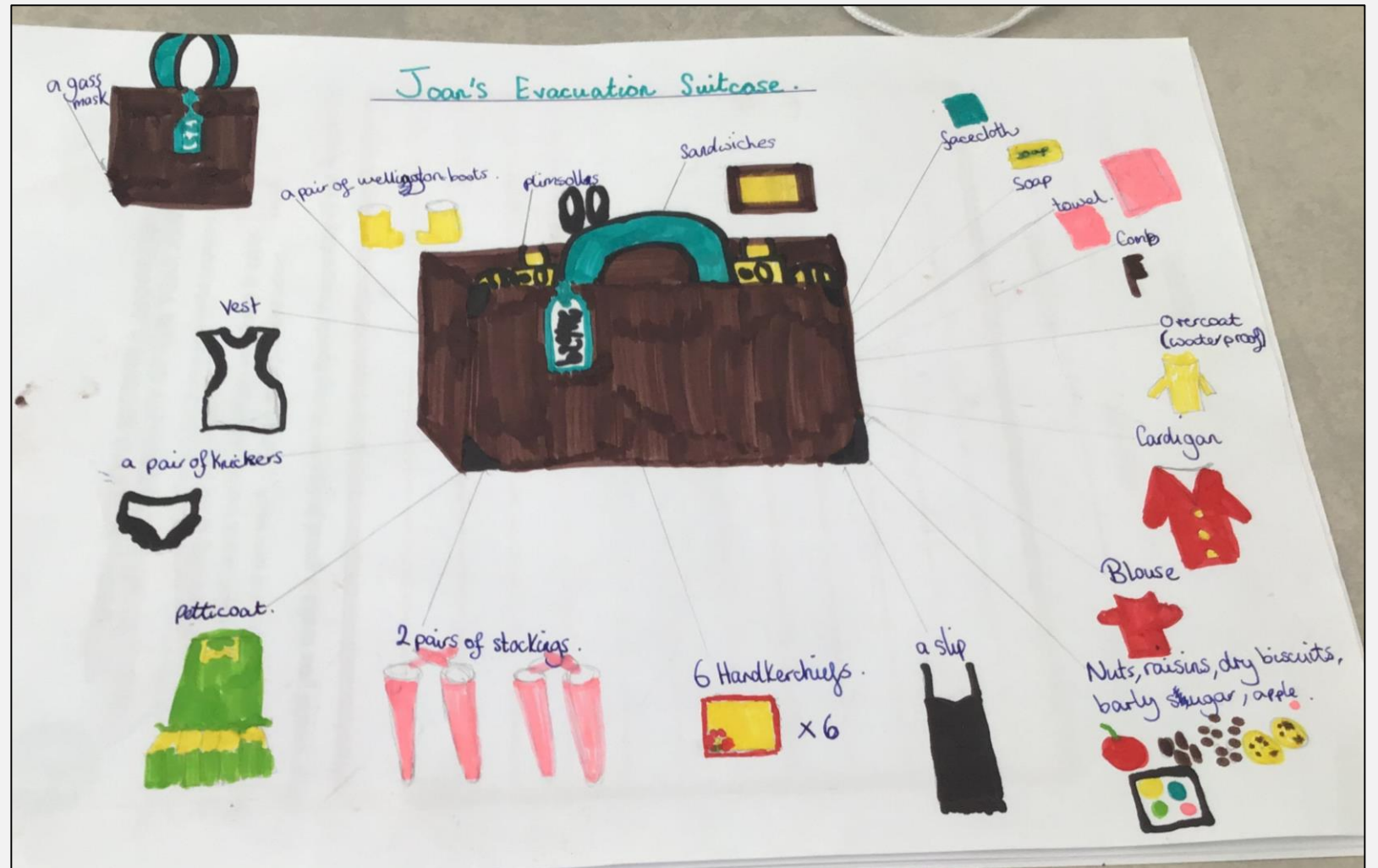
We are getting on very well with the Opie family. The children play with us sometimes. They also showed us the farm animals, and Mrs Opie showed us how to make butter and cheese!

Penzance is very different from home; it is very green and quiet. Only a few people have motorcars. I miss you very much mother and I would love to see you soon. Maybe you could come and visit. I love you very much.

With love, from,

Your loving daughter xx

# POPPY'S SUITCASE



## ROSE'S LETTER

Dear Mother,

I was in a lovely cabin with some nice girls and boys who were much bigger and older than me. When we finally got to the billeting hall we had to wait for quite a long time with lots of strange people. My brother and I were the last to be chosen. It felt worrying as we were waiting, wondering if we were ever going to be chosen. I was very scared because if the family did not like me they might throw me out.

However, it was worth the wait because my foster parents are very kind to me. They are called Mr and Mrs Opie, and they have five children themselves. They have two boys, and three girls and they live on a farm in a place called Penzance. I was very surprised to see how much outside space there was on their farm. They have small outbuildings and a large farmhouse, with lots rolling green fields. They keep a large range of animals, including cows, sheep, chickens and various other farm animals.

It was a strange new world to move into. I had never seen so much green space before and found it somewhat overpowering. The farm gave me a sense of freedom and I learnt more about living in the countryside. Mrs Opie also taught me how to make cheese and butter.

I miss home terribly but I know you had to send me away for my safety. On the first night, I was a bit scared, but now I am not at all. I still miss my own bed back in London but I know it is safer here. I cannot wait to see you soon.

I hope to see you very soon

Lots of love from

Rose xx (or Joan!!)

# SOPHIE'S LETTER

Wednesday 20th May

A Letter Home

Dear Mam,

The 10 hour journey on the train was resistable (just) the food kept us going though. I held my brothers hand the whole way there we were both petrified. At the billeting hall I was terrified we were lost! A couple only wanted my brother but I held on to him so they had to take us both.

We are staying at the Opier now were on a farm! we've been taught how to make cheese and how to milk cows by the two eldests. There are two boys (eldests) and two girls (youngests) the two boys are going to be sent to war later.

We're helping on the farm as now we know how to milk cows and make cheese. The Opier are lovely and comforted us by showing us the cows, sheep and chicken.

I am reasonably happy now but I miss you so much and feel abit of an outsider because they only wanted my brother but still I wouldn't mind if you picked me up.

love you so much

Joan



# PHOEBE'S SUITCASE





## AJ'S LETTER

Dear Mother,

I'm so happy that I'm able to write to you, I have missed you tremendously. On the train there were lots of other people and they all looked distressed and worried like me, I felt out of control and scared because I might never see you again. When we got to the billeting hall and we were the last one to go up on to the stage, a family decided to take my brother, but I kept holding on like you said. So the family eventually agreed to take me too.

We are staying with a family of 7, the Opies, who have two sons and three daughters. We are living on a large farm, with a shining blue door to the barn and I always wonder what the crickets are saying when they buzz to each other. There is a small oak tree located right in the middle of the wheat field where the elder of the two boys climbs up every day after lunch and plays 'it' high up in the trees with me.

There are farm animals, and every day the brothers or parents take me out to stroke the chickens and feed the cows. We eat more meat here than we did in London, but there still isn't much sugar, so we don't eat any cake.

I am feeling relatively happy, but I am missing you in a way that I have never felt before. It's all a bit overwhelming because when I was with you in London I was scared that we might be bombed, but now I'm still worried about you. I hope that I will see you very soon and that you can write back to me.

Lots of love, Joan

# ALIVIA'S SUITCASE



Dear Mother,

I am writing to tell you about my journey and how I am settling in, in Penzance.

After I said goodbye to you at the train station, I sat in the dark train feeling apprehensive. It took a very long time to arrive, ten hours, but I held Tom's hand the whole time like you told me to. After we arrived at Penzance station, we all piled into this large lorry. We were then taken to a spacious hall. Standing in a line, there were ten of us and the locals chose which child or children they wanted. Tom and I were chosen last. They only wanted to take Tom, but I gripped on to his hand, so in the end they had to take both of us.

We are now located in a farm, just off the coast of Penzance. They have tried to comfort us by letting us see their cows, sheep and chickens, plus various other animals. Mother, it is vastly different from home. There are so few people around here. In addition, in every direction, you can just see field upon field. Mother, I do wish you were here. It would be so fun to see you!

The Opies (the people whom we are living with now) have five children, not including us, two boys and three girls. The two eldest boys went to the army shortly after we met them. The Opies try their best to make us welcome and they are exceedingly kind and warm hearted. They even taught me how to make butter and cheese!

Mother I feel uncomfortable without your company and I am lonely without you. I hope this war will be over soon because I am missing you. The countryside is very strange because in London there are lots of buildings not just field like here. I really do miss you.

Hope you are well and enjoying the sunshine,

Lots of love

Joan

P.S please write to me soon

xxx

## SOPHIE'S LETTER

# ANNA'S LETTER

## Letter

Dear Mother,

1. The journey was long dark and cold. Mother when the train left and you were not on I was petrified! When the train finally came to an end, we were all told to get off and get on to a lorry from there we were taken to Billeting hall, where the locals would take us home. Me and my brother were last on the block and there was only one couple left! They said they would take my brother but not me!! But I refused to let go of his hand so they reluctantly took us both.
2. They took us away to a house on a farm. They are lovely people, they even have children of their own, 2 boys and 3 girls. The boys are quite old and got sent away to fight in the army!

3. The family are warm-hearted and showed me how to make cheese and butter, they showed us the cows, sheep and chickens! I quite enjoy it here. They are kind and we get along well, I personally think it helps that they have their own children!
4. At first I hated being away from home but, then I started to see it as an opportunity to mix in with the country-side and learn new things. I'm pretty sure this will be an experience I will never forget.

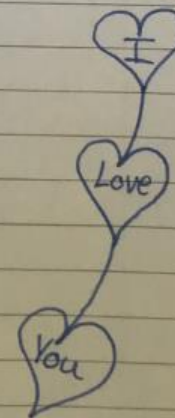
Keep safe

all  
my

Love



Joan ✕ ✕



P.S. I really miss you! 😊



# AMELIE'S SUITCASE

Suitcase Template for Task 6C

