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**School visit brings history to life for ‘evacuees’**

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A history topic at Settle Primary School was brought to life when pupils visited the Museum of North Craven Life’s Wartime exhibition featuring HMS Ribble. During their trip to The Folly, in Settle, the six, seven, and eight year olds learned about HMS Ribble, a ship paid for by Settle residents in 1942 which was commissioned into the Canadian Navy. The youngsters dressed up like evacuees for the occasion - complete with name labels and gas mask boxes. They were even asked to show their identification cards by a local policeman. The class was taken to The Folly by teacher Joanne Brennand who said the youngsters were fascinated by the local area history study. “They have been really enthusiastic and have enjoyed learning about how life was 60 years ago,” she said. In addition, local man Derek Soames went into school and related stories to the class about his childhood experiences during the war.

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