**Home Learning – English Task**

Many evacuees had never visited the countryside before, and were shocked and surprised by many of the things that they found there. Here is one evacuee’s description of a cow, as broadcast by the BBC:

*“The cow is a mammal. It has six sides, right, left and upper and below. At the back it has a tail, on which hangs a brush. With this it sends the flies away so they do not fall into the milk. The head is for the purpose of growing horns and so that the mouth can be somewhere. The horns are to butt with and the mouth is to moo with. Under the cow hangs the milk. It is arranged for milking. When people milk, the milk comes and there is never an end to the supply. How the cow does it I have not yet realised, but it makes more and more. The cow has a fine sense of smell, one can smell it far away. This is the reason for the fresh air in the country.”*

1. Read the description above.
2. How many times do you think the writer has seen a cow?
3. How do you think children in the country would have reacted if they had read this description?
4. There were many other things in the countryside that evacuees had not seen before. Write a description, similar to the one above, about something else that you might find in the countryside, imagining that you have never really seen it before. You can choose to write in the first person, as though you are the evacuee, or in the third person.