

Key Vocabulary

armistice	An agreement to end fighting.
front line	The front lines were the areas closest to the fighting, where soldiers waited in the trenches to fight.
trenches	Trenches were long narrow ditches dug into the ground. They were where the soldiers lived when waiting to fight.
home front	People who stayed in Britain and helped the war effort were said to be fighting on the home front. Many women worked in munitions factories to help on the home front. Some of the other jobs women did were: gas worker, railway worker, nurses and land army worker.
poppy	A red flower. Poppies grew in the battlefields after the First World War ended. They are worn as a symbol of remembrance.

Key Events and Facts

What is Remembrance Sunday?	Remembrance Sunday is the day when people take time to remember those who died in the First World War and all other wars since. It is on 11th November each year. People are remembered with memorials, medals and poppies. There is a two-minute silence on Remembrance Sunday.
Why do we remember?	Soldiers are remembered because they were brave. They had courage to fight in war. Soldiers fight in war to keep people safe.
How did people at home help during the war?	Many people who could not fight stayed at home. Lots of women helped by working in factories to make weapons for the soldiers. Some women worked on farms to make sure that there was enough food for people to eat
When did the first world war start and end?	The First World War started in July 1914 and ended in November 1918.

Animals in the war

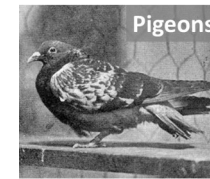
During World War I, many animals had important jobs. Horses carried soldiers and their heavy things, like food and guns. Dogs helped find injured soldiers on the battlefields and delivered messages. Pigeons were like little messengers in the sky, carrying notes from one place to another. Cats and dogs made excellent companions for the soldiers and helped them feel less lonely. Elephants, camels, canaries and mice also helped the soldiers! These animals were heroes, just like the soldiers, and the parts they played were extremely important in helping the people fighting in the war.



Horses and mules



Camels



Pigeons



Canaries



Dogs

Timeline of Events

July—November 1916

The Battle of the Somme. This was one of the deadliest battles of World War One.

11th November 1919

The first Remembrance Sunday is held.

28th July 1914

First World War breaks out

11th November 1918

The armistice is signed, to come into effect at 11am, ending the First World War.