

# St Saviour's Catholic Primary and Nursery School



**Subject: History**

**Topic: War and Remembrance**

**Year: 2**

## What should I already know?

- Sequencing events on a timeline in chronological order.
- Poppies are worn on Remembrance Day.
- Remembrance Day is when we remember those who died in the wars.
- Soldiers fight in the war.

## What am I going to learn?

- Walter Tull was a soldier that fought in the First World War. He was the first black officer to lead white soldiers into battle. He fought in the battle of Somme in 1916.
- The First World War was a huge conflict that was fought between 1914 and 1918.
- The Western Front was a long line of trenches that ran along the coast of Belgium to Switzerland.
- Trenches were **long, narrow ditches** dug into the ground where soldiers lived all day and night.
- The areas where soldiers stayed, ready to fight, was called the **Front Line**.
- 100,000 carrier pigeons were used as messengers during the war.
- In the First World War, over 700,000 UK soldiers were killed. Since 1919, people have remembered those who died.
- Remembrance Day is held on 11<sup>th</sup> November. This is the day the Armistice was signed in 1918, ending the First World War.



## Vocabulary

**Home Front:** The people who stayed at home in Britain and helped the war effort. Britain was called the 'Home Front', because people felt that they were part of the war.

**Armistice:** An agreement made by opposing sides in a war to stop fighting for a certain time; a truce.

**Poppy:** Poppies are worn by millions as a symbol to remember all of the people who have given their lives for their country in war.

**Remembrance Day:** Since World War I ended, every year at 11am on the 11th day on 11<sup>th</sup> November, a two-minute silence is held at 11am to remember the people who have died in wars.

**Trenches:** Trenches were long, narrow ditches dug into the ground where soldiers lived.

**Front Line:** The military line or part of an army that is closest to the enemy.

**World War I:** The First World War that lasted from July 1914 to November 1918.

**World War II:** The Second World War that lasted from 1939-1945.

**Cenotaph:** The Cenotaph in London is a monument that was built to remember those who died in the war.



## Useful Websites

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/15492752>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z4mxsbk>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/history-ks1--ks2-ww1-a-to-z/zmcdpg8>