

Special Sessions

Schools Programme Special Sessions

Remembrance Day Special Session

Key Stage 1 and 2

Children learn about the importance of Remembrance Day and what it is we remember. An object handling session is included using our First World War (1914-18) objects. Children will also be given the chance to make their own poppy to take away.

Sessions should last approximately 1½ - 2 hours

This session will run for the 2 weeks prior to Remembrance Day weekend, 1st – 10th November.

Christmas Home Front Special Session

Key Stage 1 and 2

This is an adaptation of our normal Second World War (1939-45) Home Front session. Children will look at how the restrictions of war affected celebrations such as Christmas; e.g. being away from friends and families to not being able to have a traditional Christmas dinner or decorations. The session also looks at the 'make-do-and-mend' culture; how many Christmas presents and cards would have been home made during the war years? The children will get to use the Second World War Handling Collection and associated worksheet. The children will then have the opportunity to make their own Christmas card to take away using recycled materials.

Sessions should last approximately 1½ - 2 hours

Christmas Special Session

Key Stage 3 and 4

A choice can be made from the above session or for a World War One Christmas session. The World War One session focuses mainly on Christmas in the trenches, looking at the 1914 Christmas Truce and how soldiers would have commemorated Christmas in their situation. It will also look briefly at how Christmas might have been for those at home and comparisons with Christmas prior to World War One. The pupils will get chance to use the First World War Handling Collection and associated worksheets.

The sessions will last approximately 1½ - 2 hours

The Christmas sessions will run throughout December

