

Armed Forces Day 2016



Teacher's Notes

Primary Assembly
7-11 year olds

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What is Armed Forces Day?

This year **Armed Forces Day is on the 25th June 2016**. The day is an annual opportunity for the nation to show our support for the men and women who make up the Armed Forces community: from currently serving troops to Service families and from veterans to cadets.

Across the country people are getting involved: communities are holding local events and businesses are showing their support through promotional offers.

If you want to know more about what's going on in your area, visit www.armedforcesday.org.uk and involve your school in supporting our nation's Armed Forces – past, present and future.

Why do we have Armed Forces Day?

Armed Forces Day celebrates the men and women who have chosen to serve their country by joining one of our Armed Forces. The UK Armed Forces defend the UK and its interests. We are busy working around the world, promoting peace, delivering aid, tackling drug smugglers and providing security and fighting terrorism. Military operations can evoke many different responses at home and abroad, but they are a fact of modern life. Whatever your views, we hope that you will choose to show your appreciation for these men and women, past and present.



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About this Assembly

This ready-made Assembly script is for you to use with 7-11 year olds in a school or class Assembly, or as part of a circle-time activity. Our Armed Forces have shaped the lives of people in our country, and the lives of people in other countries, for hundreds of years. Today, two key principles provide the basis of work for our Armed Forces, in a modern and uncertain world:

- *Defending the United Kingdom and its interests*
- *Strengthening international peace and stability*

The Assembly draws pupils' attention to the work of our Armed Forces and to the choices that the men and women in the Armed Forces have made: to join, serve their country, and do the right thing to protect the UK and help people in need across the world.

We have designed this Assembly to be a starting point for your school, to inspire pupils and to lead on to further activities and local events. You could plan other activities with your colleagues that will help pupils learn more about our Armed Forces; ask pupils to help by considering how they would like to celebrate Armed Forces Day. Your school may have links to one of the services if parents or staff are volunteer reservists or indeed may be actively serving in one of the Armed Forces. Some ideas to get you started have been provided with this Assembly.

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The key message of this Assembly is about helping others, and why this matters whether it is a single person, a region or a whole country. The Assembly begins with an emotive story. There are two stories to explore using PowerPoint:

1. The experiences of a family in a **civil war**
2. The experiences of a family through a **natural disaster**.

Choose the story that you feel is more appropriate for your pupils and adapt it as required.

Curriculum Links

England National Curriculum Key Stage 2

Citizenship / PSHE 1a; 2a, e, k; 4b, 5e, g

Wales National Curriculum Key Stage 2

PSE

- *Active citizenship*
- *Moral and spiritual development*
- *Global citizenship*

Scotland Curriculum for Excellence

Religious and moral education

- *Development of values and beliefs*

Four capacities

- *Responsible Citizens: Respect others; Participate responsibly; Develop knowledge and Understanding of the world and Scotland's place in it*

Northern Ireland Curriculum Key Stage 2

PDMU

- *Rules, rights and responsibilities*
- *Similarities and differences*
- *Learning to live as members of their community*

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