



11th-17th January

How do soldiers help us in times of need?

Vocabulary

- Humanitarian – concerned with or seeking to promote human welfare.
- Mass – a large number.
- Military – relating to the armed forces of the country.
- Responsible – having an obligation to do something as part of your job or duty.
- Stranded – left without the means to move from somewhere.
- Varied – consisting of a number of different types or elements.

What's going on this week?

Look at this week's poster on the first page.

Armies in the UK and all over the world have played a key part in supporting governments and helping in many ways throughout the pandemic and it's likely that their role will continue in 2021.

In early autumn, the military helped to organise mass testing in Liverpool. In December, 1,100 military personnel were sent to help thousands of lorry drivers spending Christmas Day stranded at Dover.

Most recently, the Army have been helping secondary schools and colleges in England to set up mass coronavirus testing for their pupils.



Main Question:

How do soldiers help us in times of need?

Watch this virtual assembly video from Picture News. Click on “Watch our Virtual Assembly”.

<https://www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss/2021-01-08/>



A soldier wears a uniform. They have different uniforms to wear depending on what unit they are in or what job they are doing. Their combat uniform is often camouflaged.

What is a soldier?

A soldier is a person who serves in the Army.



Source: 7th Army Training Command

Do you know anyone who is a soldier?

There are many different jobs a soldier in the Army might do but their first role is to protect the nation.

Have you seen soldiers working before? What were they doing?

Soldiers must look after their equipment and belongings very well.

A soldier needs to train and keep themselves fit so they are ready to serve at all times.

KS1 Follow up activities

Have you ever seen soldiers in a parade? Often, they are in very smart lines and rows.

Can you use your **toys to make neat lines of soldiers?**

Challenge:

- 10 soldiers, marching in twos
- 14 soldiers marching in twos
- 20 soldiers marching in fives
- How many rows and columns are there?

Can you write a number sentence?



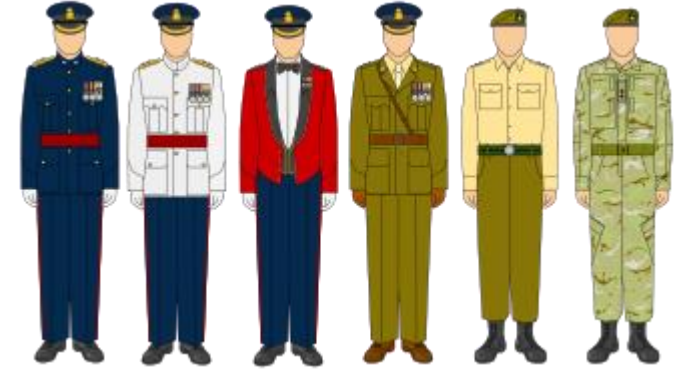
KS1 Follow-up activities

Look at what the soldiers in this week's poster are wearing.

It is a UNIFORM.

Can you think of any other people who wear uniforms?

Why do you think we wear uniforms?



Soldiers wear different uniforms depending which unit they are in or what job they are doing. Some of the uniforms they wear are designed to camouflage them.

- What does camouflage mean?
- Can you think of any animals that are camouflaged?

Design a uniform for a soldier to wear.



KS2 Follow-up activities

Create a **list of questions** you might ask a soldier to find out more about their role and their life.

You could plan and **write a letter** to a soldier. This could be someone you know or you could find the nearest base to send the letters. Think about:

- Why are you writing? To thank them for their work? To find out more about their role?
- Share some information you know about how soldiers have been helping recently.
- Ask any questions you have or share what you would like to know.
- Conclude by sharing your thoughts on their role.

You could always send off the letter. You may get a response!



KS2 Follow-up activities

Being a soldier requires a certain level of fitness. They have to pass a fitness test before they can join the Army.

Create your own fitness session.

Think about:

- What equipment will you need?
- How much space do you need and where will you carry out the session?
- Who will take part in the session?
- How long will it last?
- Can you make the activities harder or easier if needed?



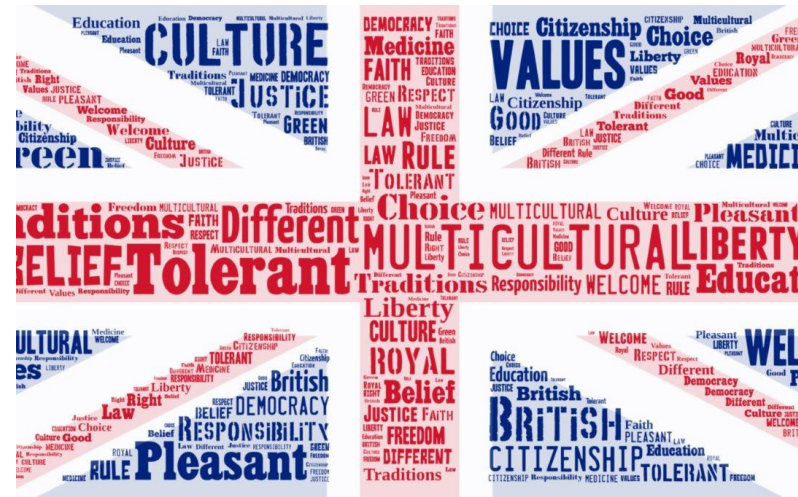
Reflection

- A soldier is someone who serves in the Army. They wear a uniform and have many different jobs, including protecting our nation.
- The armed forces are not just responsible for protecting their citizens, they also support international peacekeeping efforts and provide humanitarian aid in many different ways.



British Values – Which British Value do you think this week’s story is linked to?

- democracy
- the rule of law
- individual liberty
- mutual respect
- tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs



British Values

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Individual Liberty

The armed forces help us to exercise our rights and freedoms as citizens by protecting the UK.

They can also provide help in times of crisis, such as testing, supplying food and clothing or keeping our homes safe.

Extra - This Week's Useful Websites:

- This week's news story

www.forces.net/news/coronavirus-how-military-helping

This Week's Useful Videos:

- Military helping in Dover

www.youtube.com/watch?v=LyOXo7Na0mk