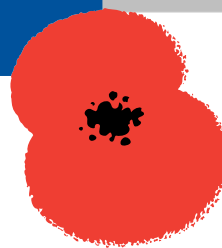


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ASSEMBLY FOR THE FALKLANDS WAR

In preparation:

- The Royal British Legion CD Rom, for pictures and poetry to project on the screen – also look at the section on the Falklands War that contains pictures.

(this assembly can be adapted for Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 4)

Script

2007 was the 25th anniversary of the Falklands War.

The Falklands War took place from April to June 1982. Although British troops had taken part in conflicts all over the globe, the Falklands was the first time they had done so alone and so far away from Britain for a very long time.

On April 2nd 1982, the Argentine Army invaded the Falkland Islands off the coast of South America. Argentina had long held a claim to the islands, however they had been a British settlement for a few hundred years. The Islanders themselves had no doubts that they were British.

The British government responded to the attack and sent out a large Naval response.

Although the war lasted only a short time, there were casualties. The sinking of the British ship the HMS Sheffield left some dead and many very badly burnt and injured.

The sinking of the Argentine vessel the Belgrano by the British raised questions about the way decisions were made in wartime.

Mainly the Falklands War reminded a new generation of people that war was not something in the past but something that could be with us any day if we are not careful.

Today that message is even clearer. We need to remember those that fought in ways that remind us that peace is not something that can be taken for granted.

Moment of reflection

We remember those men and women that fought in the Falklands War, from both sides. Those people today carry the memories of what they witnessed. We reflect on those that gave their lives protecting others.

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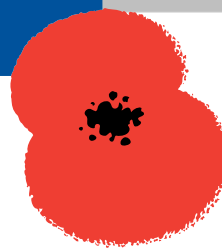
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The Veteran

by Margaret Postgate Cole, May 1916

We came upon him sitting in the sun
Blinded by war, and left. And past the fence
There came young soldiers from the Hand and Flower,
Asking advice of his experience.
And he said this, and that, and told them tales,
And all the nightmares of each empty head
Blew into air; then, hearing us beside,
“Poor chaps, how’d they know what it’s like?” he said.
And we stood there, and watched him as he sat,
Turning his sockets where they went away,
Until it came to one of us to ask “And you’re-how old?”
“Nineteen, the third of May.”

Or

The Soldier

by Rupert Brooke (1914)

If I should die, think only this of me:
That there’s some corner of a foreign field
That is for ever England. There shall be
In that rich earth a richer dust concealed;
A dust whom England bore, shaped, made aware,
Gave, once, her flowers to love, her ways to roam,
A body of England’s, breathing English air,
Washed by the rivers, blest by suns of home.

And think, this heart, all evil shed away,
A pulse in the eternal mind, no less
Gives somewhere back the thoughts by England given;
Her sights and sounds; dreams happy as her day;
And laughter, learnt of friends; and gentleness,
In hearts at peace, under an English heaven.