

WW1 Scrapbook Activity – Items Needed

During our next history lesson on Monday, 3rd of March, children will be creating a WW1 scrapbook page from the perspective of a child whose family member is away fighting on the Western Front. To make this more effective and interactive, we'd love for the children to bring in a small selection of items to include, such as old-style photographs, fabric scraps, pressed flowers, newspaper clippings, or anything that could represent life at home during the war. The idea is for children to create a story around the item that shows a depicts life in WW1 Times. These can be printed, clippings, handmade, or repurposed from home materials. The items need to be in school to use in the lesson on Monday. We look forward to seeing their creativity!

Best regards,
Mrs Bawany and Miss Baker

Example of items that can be brought in.

1. **A Letter to Father** – A handwritten or aged-looking letter expressing love, worry, and updates from home.
2. **Diary Entries** – Describing daily life, rationing, air raid drills, and emotions about missing their father.
3. **Family Photograph** – A black-and-white or sepia photo of "father" before he left, possibly with a ribbon around it.
4. **Pressed Flowers** – Picked from the garden or given by a friend, sent as a symbol of hope.
5. **A Fabric Swatch** – A small piece of an old scarf, blanket, or uniform as a memory of father.

News & Events

6. **Newspaper Clippings** – Reports about the war, local fundraising efforts, or a victory at the front.
7. **Propaganda Posters** – Cutouts from recruitment or home front effort posters encouraging support for soldiers.
8. **Ration Book Pages** – A copy of food ration coupons, showing how the war affected everyday life.
9. **Old chocolate wrapper** – Fathers favourite
10. **War Fundraising Leaflet** – Information about how people at home helped the war effort (e.g., buying war bonds).

Soldier's Items (From Father)

10. **A Field Postcard** – A brief, pre-printed message from their father saying he is safe.
11. **Mud-Stained Letter** – A letter from father, describing the trenches in a child-friendly way.
12. **Dried Poppy Petals** – A reminder of the battlefields in France and Belgium.

13. **A Small Drawing or Sketch** – Maybe something the father sent home, such as a sketch of the trenches or his friends.

School & Community Life

14. **Handmade Red Cross Armband** – Representing efforts to support wounded soldiers.
15. **A School Report** – Showing how children carried on with education despite the war.
16. **A Church Service Pamphlet** – From a memorial or prayer service for soldiers.
17. **A Ticket from a Fundraising Event** – Such as a concert or bake sale for soldiers
18. **An old coin or a medal** – They can take a rubbing of it in class or an impression in blutac.