

History and Art - Rewarding Animals for bravery

Main Welfare Aims:

To recognise the importance of animals in both World Wars and why we should care for and respect them.

Curriculum Links

Key Stage 1 – pupils should be taught:

History:

- Significant historical events, people and places in their own locality
- Events beyond living memory that are significant nationally or globally

Art:

- To use a range of materials creatively to design and make products
- To use drawing, painting and sculpture to develop and share their ideas, experiences and imagination.

Resources Needed:

- Images of wartime medals
- Images of animal wartime medals
- Worksheet provided
- Paper
- Pencils, colouring pencils, paint, clay or plasticine

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Introduction

Discuss with the children whether they have been awarded a medal, trophy or received a special certificate before and why.

Explain that brave soldiers received special medals for fighting in both World War one and two and so did animals.

Look at some war medals online as a class or find some before and show the children.

Discuss what they notice about them and what they like.

Main:

Look at the two medals given by the Blue Cross to animals that served in Wars on the worksheet and discuss as a class.

Ask the children to design their own war medal using the worksheet below. Once they have designed it on paper they could then use plasticine or clay to create the medal.

Plenary:

Share the medals the children have produced as a class and ask them to explain why they have designed them that way.

Worksheet

Look at the two medals given by the Blue Cross to animals that served in Wars. They were awarded to animals that did brave things to help people in the World Wars.



Design a new medal for animals that have helped and served in the war.

