

Remembrance Day: A Reflection with Ellie the Elephant

Learning objective: To understand the significance of Remembrance Day and why we observe traditions to show respect for those who served in wars.

Ellie the Elephant has a wonderful memory and loves learning about history. Use this template to record what you have learnt about Remembrance Day. Think carefully about why we wear poppies and why we hold a two-minute silence. Write your answers clearly in the spaces provided.

Word bank: Remembrance · Poppy · Respect · Silence · Peace · Conflict · Soldiers · Sacrifice · Gratitude

1. The Meaning of Remembrance: In your own words, explain why we remember people on the 11th of November each year. (2 marks)

2. The Symbol of the Poppy: Why is the red poppy used as a symbol for Remembrance Day? Where did these flowers grow after the conflict? (2 marks)

3. The Two-Minute Silence: Describe what happens during the two-minute silence and why it is important to be quiet and still. (2 marks)

4. Showing Gratitude: List two ways that people in your community might show their respect on Remembrance Day. (2 marks)

5. Personal Reflection: How does thinking about the past help us to appreciate the importance of peace in the world today? (3 marks)

Extension challenge: Write a short poem or a message of peace that you could share with a veteran or someone in your community to show your support.