

Remembrance Day: A Reflection with Ellie the Elephant

Learning objective: To understand the historical significance of Remembrance Day and reflect on the importance of peace and commemoration.

Ellie the Elephant has a wonderful memory and loves to learn about our shared history. Use this template to record your reflections on Remembrance Day. Think carefully about why we wear poppies and what 'peace' truly means to you. Write in full, thoughtful sentences, using the word bank to help you.

Word bank: commemoration · sacrifice · peace · poppy · gratitude · armistice · silence · honour

1. The Meaning of Remembrance: Explain why the 11th of November is such a significant date in history. What happened on this day in 1918? (3 marks)

2. Symbols of Reflection: Describe the symbolism of the poppy. Why do you think this specific flower was chosen to represent remembrance? (2 marks)

3. Acts of Commemoration: Compare and contrast the ways people show their respect during the two-minute silence. Why is silence considered a powerful way to show gratitude? (3 marks)

4. Justifying Peace: Justify why it is important for our generation to continue remembering the events of the past, even though they happened a long time ago. (4 marks)

5. Personal Reflection: What might happen if we stopped observing Remembrance Day? Explain how this could affect our collective understanding of peace. (3 marks)

6. Creative Synthesis: If you were tasked with creating a new symbol for peace, what would it look like and why? Describe your design in detail. (4 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are writing a letter to a museum curator. Propose a new display or exhibition that would help Class 4 pupils understand the importance of global peace. Use rich, persuasive vocabulary to justify your choice of artefacts and themes.