

Remembering with Ellie

Learning objective: To understand the significance of Remembrance Day and why we use poppies as a symbol of remembrance.

Read the story about Ellie the elephant carefully, then answer the questions below.

Ellie the elephant has an incredible memory, and she loves to share stories from history. Every year, when November arrives, Ellie wears a bright red poppy on her coat. She explains to her friends that the 11th of November is a very special day called Remembrance Day. It is a time when we think about all the brave soldiers who helped to keep our country safe many years ago. Ellie tells the forest animals that the red poppy is a symbol of peace. It grew in the fields where the soldiers once stood, and now, we wear them to show we have not forgotten their kindness and courage. On this day, people often stand very still for a two-minute silence. It is a quiet time to say thank you and to think about how we can be kind to one another. Ellie leads the group in a peaceful walk through the woods, reminding everyone that remembering the past helps us to build a kinder future for everyone.

Word bank: Remembrance · poppy · peace · history · soldier · respect

1. What is the name of the special day that happens in November? (1 mark)

2. What color is the flower that Ellie wears on her coat? (1 mark)

3. Why do you think people stand still for a two-minute silence? (2 marks)

4. How does wearing a poppy show that we care about the past? (2 marks)

5. Why do you think it is important for us to remember brave people from history? Explain your answer. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of a field of red poppies and a peaceful, quiet place where you might go to think.



Extension challenge: Write a short 'thank you' note to someone who helps to keep you safe in your own community.