Remembrance Day: A Time for Reflection

Learning objective: To understand the significance of Remembrance Day and the symbolism behind the poppy as a mark of respect for those who served in conflicts.

Leo the Lion is writing a poem about peace and remembrance. Help him complete the task by matching the symbolic items on the left with their correct meanings on the right. Once matched, explain why we observe the two-minute silence.

Word bank: Poppy · Two-minute silence · Armistice · 11th November · Respect · Peace

1. Draw a line to match the symbol with its meaning: A) Poppy - [ ] 1) The date the fighting stopped in 1918. B) 11th November - [ ] 2) A sign of remembrance and hope. C) Two-minute silence - [ ] 3) A time to reflect and show gratitude. (3 marks)

2. Why do you think it is important for the whole country to stop and be silent at 11:00 am on Remembrance Day? (2 marks)

3. Leo needs to buy poppies for his class. If one poppy costs £0.50, how much would it cost for 10 poppies for his friends? (1 mark)

4. List two ways that people in your local community show they are remembering those who served in conflicts. (2 marks)

5. Complete this sentence: Remembrance Day is not just about looking at the past, it is also about hoping for a future of _____. (1 mark)

Draw: In the space below, draw a field of poppies as described in Leo's poem. Think about how the colours contrast against the sky to show a sense of peace.

Extension challenge: Research a local war memorial in your town or city. Write down one detail you notice about it, such as an inscription or a specific name, and explain what it tells us about the people who lived there in the past.