Remembrance Day Discovery Flashcards

Learning objective: To understand the significance of Remembrance Day, its symbols, and why we mark it in the United Kingdom.

Use these flashcards to learn key facts about Remembrance Day. You can use them to quiz a partner or test your own knowledge.

What is the date Remembrance Day is observed in the UK every year?

11th November.

Why is the 11th of November chosen for Remembrance Day?

It marks the end of the First World War in 1918, when fighting stopped at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month.

Which flower is the official symbol of Remembrance, and why?

The poppy, because it was the first flower to grow in the churned-up earth of the battlefields in France and Belgium.

What is a 'two-minute silence'?

A period of quiet reflection held at 11:00 am to remember and show respect for those who gave their lives in conflict.

What does the word 'commemorate' mean?

To remember and show respect for a person or an event from the past.

Who is Nova the owl thinking of when she sees a Cenotaph?

A Cenotaph is an empty tomb monument built to honour those who died in war but have no grave nearby.

What is the meaning of the word 'Armistice'?

An agreement made by opposing sides in a war to stop fighting for a certain time; a truce.

What do we mean by the 'sacrifice' of soldiers?

Giving up their own lives to help protect others and secure peace for the future.

What is the purpose of the Royal British Legion's poppy appeal?

To raise funds to support veterans and their families who may need help with housing, jobs, or physical and mental health.

What is the difference between Remembrance Day and Remembrance Sunday?

Remembrance Day is always on the 11th of November, while Remembrance Sunday is the second Sunday in November, which is the main day for local memorial services.

Why do we use the colour red for Remembrance poppies?

The bright red colour represents the blood shed by soldiers during the fighting.

How does Pip the bookworm suggest we show respect during the silence?

By standing still, being quiet, and thinking about the importance of peace and those who served.