# Remembrance Day: A Reflection with Ellie the Elephant

*Learning objective: To understand the significance of Remembrance Day and why we observe traditions to honour those who served their country.*

Ellie the Elephant has an incredible memory for history. Use this fact-file template to record your research about Remembrance Day. Think about why we wear poppies, what the two-minute silence represents, and how we can show respect to those who have served in conflicts.

*Word bank: Armistice · Remembrance · Poppy · Conflict · Sacrifice · Gratitude · Reflection · Commemoration · Tribute · Peace*

**1. The Significance of the Date: Why is Remembrance Day observed on the 11th of November each year? (2 marks)**

**2. The Symbolism of the Poppy: Explain why the red poppy was chosen as the symbol for Remembrance Day. (2 marks)**

**3. Observing the Silence: Describe what happens during the two-minute silence and explain why this period of quiet is important. (2 marks)**

**4. Personal Reflection: If you were standing at a war memorial, what thoughts or feelings might you have? Why is it important to remember? (3 marks)**

**5. Community Tributes: List three different ways that people in the UK show their respect or remember those who served. (3 marks)**

*Extension challenge: Write a short poem or a letter of gratitude that you could leave at a local war memorial to honour a service person's sacrifice.*