Remembrance Day: Honouring the Past

Learning objective: To understand the significance of Remembrance Day, the symbolism of the poppy, and why we reflect on the contributions of those who served in conflicts.

Read each question carefully and provide thoughtful answers. Use the word bank to help you express your ideas clearly.

Remembrance Day is observed on 11th November each year. It marks the day when the fighting in the First World War officially ended in 1918. At the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, many people across the country hold a two-minute silence to show respect for those who gave their lives in service of their country. The red poppy is the most well-known symbol of this day, representing both the loss of life and the hope for a future without conflict.

Word bank: Armistice · Sacrifice · Symbol · Reflection · Peace · Gratitude · Conflict · Commemorate

1. Why is the date 11th November significant in British history? (2 marks)

2. Explain why the red poppy is used as a symbol during Remembrance Day. What does it represent to you? (3 marks)

3. Max the monkey is trying to calculate how many years have passed since the end of the First World War in 1918. Show your working out to find the answer for the current year. (2 marks)

4. Why do you think it is important for communities to hold a two-minute silence together? (3 marks)

5. Leo the lion says, 'Remembrance is not just about the past; it is about our future.' What do you think he means by this statement? (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a peaceful scene that represents the concept of 'Peace'. Think about what a world without conflict looks like to you and include a poppy somewhere in your design.

Extension challenge: Research a local war memorial in your town or city. Write a short poem or a letter of gratitude that you could leave at the memorial to show your respect for those who served.