Remembrance Day: A Tribute to Peace

Learning objective: To understand the significance of Remembrance Day and identify key symbols associated with the commemoration of those who served in conflicts.

Use this sheet to create a respectful scene of remembrance. Follow the drawing steps carefully and use your labels to add historical context to your artwork.

Draw: Draw a peaceful scene for Remembrance Day. In the centre, draw a stone memorial (a Cenotaph) with a wreath of red poppies resting at its base. In the background, draw a field with rolling hills and a few scattered poppies. Use a soft, respectful colour palette. You may add Ellie the elephant standing nearby, bowing her head in quiet reflection to show respect for the history being remembered.

Label words: Poppy · Cenotaph · Wreath · Armistice · Reflection · Soldier · Peace

Steps:

1. Why is the poppy used as a symbol of remembrance? Think about the environment where they grew.
2. What does the two-minute silence represent in our society today?
3. Label your drawing with the term 'Cenotaph'. What is the purpose of a Cenotaph?
4. Name one reason why it is important to remember historical events like the signing of the Armistice.
5. Look at your drawing. How have you used colour to show a mood of respect or reflection?