Remembrance Day: Understanding Our History

Learning objective: To understand the significance of Remembrance Day, the history behind the poppy symbol, and how communities show respect for those who served in wars.

Read each question carefully. Use your historical knowledge to answer in full sentences where required. Remember to use your best handwriting.

Remembrance Day is held on 11th November each year. It marks the day the fighting stopped in the First World War in 1918. At 11 o'clock on that day, a two-minute silence is held to remember the people who lost their lives in wars. Many people wear a red poppy as a symbol of remembrance and hope for a peaceful future.

Word bank: Armistice · Remembrance · Poppy · Respect · Soldiers · Conflict · Peace · November · Silence

1. On which date do we observe Remembrance Day each year? (1 mark)

2. Why is the time of 11 o'clock significant on Remembrance Day? (2 marks)

3. Ellie the elephant has a great memory for history. She says the poppy is an important symbol. Explain why people choose to wear a red poppy during November. (3 marks)

4. Describe what happens during the two-minute silence. Why do you think it is important for communities to be silent together? (4 marks)

5. List two ways that people in your local community might show respect on Remembrance Day. (2 marks)

6. Max the monkey is helping a friend buy a poppy from a charity stall for £1. If the friend gives the stall holder a £2 coin, how much change should they receive? (1 mark)

7. Imagine you are a historian like Ellie. Write a short paragraph explaining why we still remember the events of the First World War today, even though it happened over 100 years ago. Include why peace is important to our world. (12 marks)

Draw: In the box below, draw a field of poppies. Think about the colours and patterns Zara the zebra might see if she visited a memorial site.

Extension challenge: Research a local war memorial in your town or village. Write down its name and one detail you notice about it. Total: /25