



Wednesday 11th November

Today is **Remembrance Day** or **Armistice day**. This is a very important day that marks when [World War One](#) ended, at 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month, in 1918.

A two-minute silence is held at 11am to remember the people who have died in wars.

In today's lesson, we will recap what **Remembrance day** is and why it is so important.

Why do we have Remembrance day?

- To remember
- To show respect
- To say thank you
- To preserve peace and freedom



Remembrance Sunday is on **8th November**. This year we celebrate **75** years since the end of war in Europe in 1945. Remember, lots of us celebrated VE day in May with street parties and garden parties.

We will remember:

- The British and Commonwealth forces who fought in the war and the freedom their service and sacrifice gave us.
- All the people who did not come home.
- All the people who rebuilt the country after the war.
- The people who help us today.

On Remembrance Day, people will lay wreaths of **poppies** on statues and monuments to remember all the soldiers who died for us.

You might have visited this memorial in Stourbridge. Remember, when you visited it in Year 2?





Today we use Remembrance Day to remember all those who have died since the First World War. We think about all those who **sacrificed** their lives for the sake of others.

An organisation called the RBL (Royal British Legion) run the Poppy Appeal every year to raise money for men and women who have served or are serving in the armed forces. They raise money by selling small poppies.



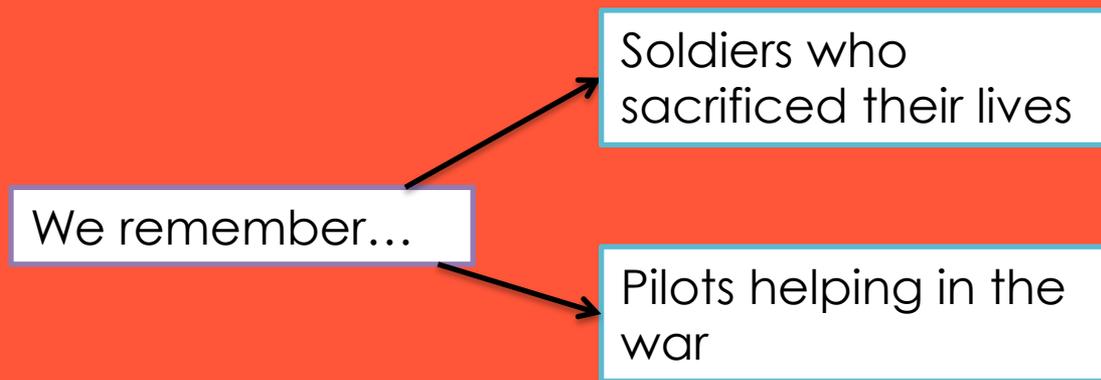
In 2020, we think of all the men and women in the Second World War and those today, who have **served** and **sacrificed** to help our country.

Service means when people work to help others.

Sacrifice means when you give up something that is valuable to you for the sake of others.

Task 1: Think about those who have served and have made sacrifices to help others.

Make a mind map/ list to show this **(use my example below to help you)**



There has also been lots of people helping this year during the coronavirus pandemic.

Can you think of who they might be? What kinds of work have they been doing?

You could add these to your mind map if you want to.

- *Examples might be nurses, doctors, armed forces, community volunteers helping at foodbanks, delivery drivers, supermarket workers and teachers.*

Have you ever worn a poppy? (you may be wearing one now!).

Have you ever drawn a rainbow to hang in your window to thank key workers for helping us?

We often use symbols to represent our thoughts about something.

During Remembrance we wear poppies. The poppy was chosen because at the end of the First World War poppies began to grow in the fields where the fighting happened. People wear a poppy to show their respect to those that gave their lives and as a symbol of hope for a peaceful future.

During the pandemic, people put pictures of rainbows in their windows to show support and thanks to key workers and as a symbol of hope that things will get better.

These symbols remind us to take time to remember and thank all the people who gave in service and sacrifice.



Remembrance day poetry:

Task 2: Your task is to write a poem all about remembrance day. Here are some ideas/ examples to help you:

You might like to write an **acrostic poem**:

- Think of a memorable word/phrase linked to remembrance day like: **remember, poppy, hero, soldier, never forget.**
- Write the word vertically down your page.
- Think of a sentence/ phrase linked to each letter.
- Decorate your poem with poppies.

There is a template on the home learning page to you use if you would rather.

Look on the next page for some ideas ->

Acrostic poem ideas:

Acrostic Poem

Remember

Remembrance Day
Every soldier was loved
Millions of soldiers died
Every year we wear a poppy
Memories of War
Bad days in war Brave battle
Every day we stand on guard for our Country
Remember

Reaped from souls of bravery
Eternity of fighting forgotten
Many deaths respected
Eyes filled with sadness
Memories passed through generations
Buried in hearts of many
Everlasting hope recorded
Reward with hope and joy

Here in the army school people sold poppies for us to remember about people in the army, ✓

Everyone in the army died for us so we should be very thankful, ✓

Rear to fight and fear away and put bravery in front of you ✓

On the night they died we felt very sad ✓

Remember to decorate your poem with poppies or other pictures 😊

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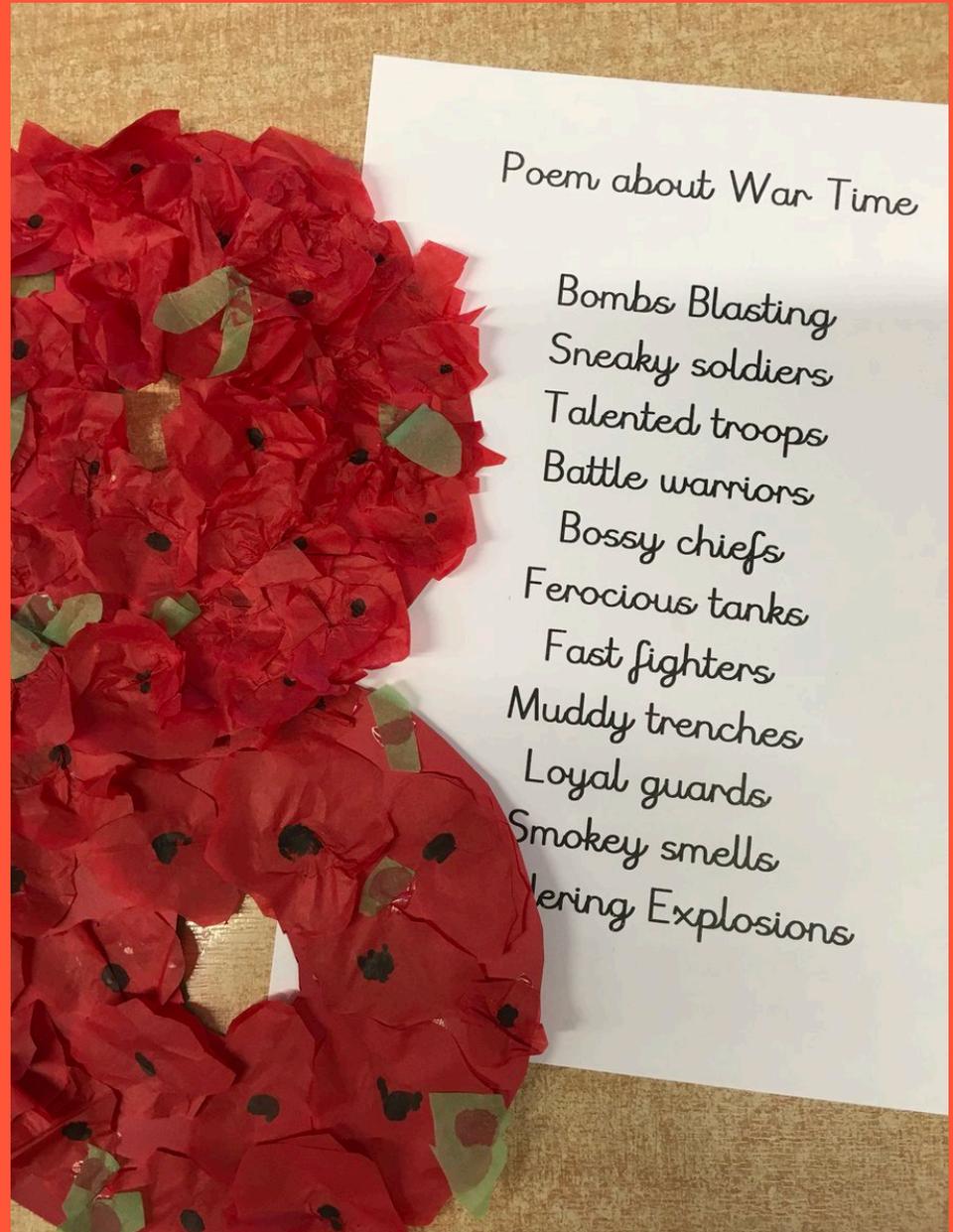
- Think of a memorable person/thing linked to Remembrance day:
veteran, soldier, poppy, Captain Tom
- Write the word at the top of your page.
- Make a list of two word phrases to describe the person.

Look on the next page for some ideas ->

Kenning poem ideas:

Soldier

Brave warrior
Life saver
Talented hero
Courageous guard
Hope giver
Fearless fighter



Poem about War Time

Bombs Blasting
Sneaky soldiers
Talented troops
Battle warriors
Bossy chiefs
Ferocious tanks
Fast fighters
Muddy trenches
Loyal guards
Smokey smells
Luring Explosions

Let us pray together:



Dear Lord,

We remember and thank the British and Commonwealth forces who fought in the war and the freedom their service and sacrifice gave us.

We remember and thank all the people who did not come home.

We remember and thank all the people who rebuilt the country after the war.

We remember and thank all the people who help us today.

We are grateful to everyone whose service and sacrifice help ensure a safe and peaceful world today.

Amen

We hope you have enjoyed these activities.
Thank you for working so hard. Well done everyone.
We would LOVE to see your poems. Please send them
into your teachers 😊

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