



# Remembrance Day

## PRIMARY ASSEMBLY

### Additional Resources

PowerPoint presentation

Timer

Tick list of objects

### Why remember?

#### Aim

To remember people who have been involved with war

## Introduction

Time to stretch those brain muscles of yours! You have 30 seconds to remember as many items on the board as possible. *Display slide 2 and wait 30 seconds before changing to slide 3. Select three pupils and test them on their memory.*

Congratulations! You've got a good memory!

## Main Talk

What is your memory? The memory is part of your brain that helps you remember things. It helps you remember how to do things like how to get up and get dressed in the morning.

It can also be trained to remember information: times tables, spelling...

There are other important things to remember. Imagine if it was your birthday, your special day. But no one said 'Happy birthday' to you. How would you feel? *You may wish to take a variety of responses. Upset? Forgotten?*

Remembering to say 'Please' and 'Thank you' is very important. How does it make you feel when someone says 'Please' and 'Thank you' to you? And how does it feel when people **don't** remember to say it? *You may wish to take a variety of responses.*

Remembrance Day is a day all about... remembering! It's a special day where we remember people who have been involved in war: people who have fought in wars, people who have fought and been injured, people who have died in war, people who have given up their lives. They gave of themselves so we can have a life of peace and freedom.

We make sure we remember. Here are some things that we use to help us remember.

*Display images and explain each one. You may wish the pupils to explain their ideas first.*

11 – Remembrance Day is on the eleventh day of the eleventh month and ceremonies are held at the eleventh hour.

Poppy – the flower that grew on some of the worst battlefields of the First World War.

Remembering is a way of saying 'Thank you'. It shows respect and says that we value what has been sacrificed for us. *You may wish to link to some of the responses previously given.*





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### The Salvation Army

The Salvation Army, as a Christian church and charity, promotes peace, not war. However, it also tries to support people who have been affected by war.

In the First World War, The Salvation Army helped run the ambulances for the wounded.

The Salvation Army today runs canteens where soldiers can go, a place to relax and to offer support.

The Salvation Army goes to support the soldiers wherever the soldiers go.

The Salvation Army has been doing this for over 100 years.

During the bombings of both world wars The Salvation Army offered support and shelter to people who were affected.

### Challenge and Reflection

Take a moment and think about people who have been affected by war.

Think about what they have gone through.

Take a moment to think about soldiers who have gone to war.

Think about how you can say 'Thank you' to them, to show respect for what they have done for us.

*Pause for a short reflection time.*

*Thank the children and staff for letting you be a part of their assembly today.*