

Remembrance Day



1. As pupils enter

Have the **webpage open**. Play your chosen music and display either image: **wearing a poppy** or **a field of poppies**.

2. Introduction

Tell the assembly: **Today, we will be learning about Remembrance Day. Remembrance Day is a special day that takes place on 11th November every year. We're going to watch a short video about the meaning of Remembrance Day. While you're watching the video, think about the history of Remembrance Day and why it is so important...**

3. Play the video

The duration is 4' 12". The final words are: '...live in peace in the future.'

4 & 5. Time to talk

Ask pupils to sit in silence for one minute to show their respect for those who have sacrificed their lives for us all.

Use the Video questions (above) to help pupils recall the details of the ceremonies:

- Can anyone tell us what year the first Remembrance Day was held?
- Who are we honouring on Remembrance Day?
- Can anyone remember when Remembrance Sunday is?
- What happens on Remembrance Sunday?
- Why do we see lots of poppies around Remembrance time of year?

Tell pupils: **Remembrance Day is an important time and taking part in the acts of Remembrance is a way of showing respect for those who have sacrificed and have fought for our freedom.**

6. Opportunity to sing

If your assembly is to include a song this would be a good time to sing it.

Peace is flowing like a river (Come and Praise, no 144)

Chain of love (All about our school, no 14)

Down by the riverside (Come and Praise, no 142)

Play video



7. Opportunity to reflect

Remembrance Day and the time of Remembrance is about honouring and respecting all of the people that have been involved in war and conflict...

It's also a time to reflect and think about the past generations of people like our grandparents and great-grandparents and the sacrifices they have made for us...

Think about anyone you may know who has made sacrifices for you... Also think about the men and women who work to keep us safe such as the Army, Police, Fire-fighters, Air force and Navy.

8. Opportunity for prayer

Begin with your usual form of address ('Dear God', 'Lord Jesus', 'Let us pray...' etc) and:

We want to say thank you for all of those who have protected our freedom and sacrificed their lives in wars and conflict, and all those who continue to protect us today. Help us to remember them and honour what they have done by respecting them and never forgetting them. Amen.