

What are we remembering on Remembrance Day? : History : Year 2

	Learning Objective	Overview	Assessment Questions	Resources
Lesson 1	To think about why we remember things and why we wear poppies.	Children will name some events that are celebrated or commemorated every year. They will identify Remembrance Day as a yearly event and recognise that poppies are the symbol of Remembrance Day.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can children name some events or people that we remember on a yearly basis? • Do children know that Remembrance Day takes place in November? • Do children know that poppies are the symbol of Remembrance Day? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slides • Worksheet 1A/1B/1C/1D/1E • Event Cards (FSD? activity only)
Lesson 2	To find out about the armistice and the origins of Remembrance Day.	Children are given a brief overview of WW1 and will consider the devastating effects of war on the population. They will find out about the armistice and consider reasons for the mixed emotions surrounding the end of the war. They will understand why poppies are the symbol of Remembrance Day.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do children know what World War 1 was and when it took place? • Do children know what the armistice was and why it was both a happy and sad day? • Can children describe why poppies are the symbol of Remembrance Day? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slides • Worksheet 2A/2B/2C • Picture Cards • Fact Cards (FSD? activity only) • Quiz Sheets (FSD? activity only)
Lesson 3	To think about who we remember on Remembrance Day.	Children will identify war memorials as objects that honour fallen soldiers. They will explore the features and symbols used on war memorials by investigating a variety of war memorials through pictures. Alternatively, they can study a local war memorial by using the internet or going on a visit.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do children know that war memorials honour fallen soldiers? • Can children describe the features and symbols used on war memorials? • Can children record their observations through drawings and descriptions? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slides • Picture Cards • Magnifying glasses • Worksheet 3A
Lesson 4	To find out what happens on Remembrance Day and why.	Children will be reminded when Remembrance Day takes place and the reasons for the date and time. They will then find out what happens at the National Service of Memorial in Whitehall before comparing this to how Remembrance Day is honoured locally. They will also find out about the British Legion and the poppy appeal.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do children know when Remembrance Day occurs? • Can children describe the significance of the two-minute silence at 11am? • Can children describe typical features of a Remembrance Day service? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slides • Word Cards • Worksheet 4A/4B/4C • Last Post video • Poppy Templates on red paper (FSD? activity only) • Help Sheet (FSD? activity only) • Black paper (FSD? activity only) • Paper fasteners (FSD? activity only) • Green pipe cleaners (FSD? activity only)
Lesson 5	To think about why it is important to remember.	Children will think about why commemorating wars that took place a long time ago is still important today. They will think about current conflicts and find out that people still lose their lives protecting their countries. They will also discover that Remembrance Day is an event that is celebrated globally as well as nationally.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can children explain why commemorating wars of the past is still important today? • Do children understand that service men and women still engage in battle today in different parts of the world? • Can children express their feelings about Remembrance Day in a variety of ways? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slides • Worksheet 5A/5B • Plain paper • Challenge Cards (FSD? activity only) • Coloured paper, pens, paints, etc., (FSD? activity only) • End of Unit Quiz