

WAR

Poetry Unit

Lesson 2

What is Remembrance Day?



Remind your pupils of Jack's story. Do your pupils know what Remembrance Day is? Do any of them attend events or represent a club/cadets, etc. for this? If they do, invite them to share their experiences of how they've commemorated Remembrance Day with the class.

Here is some more information on Remembrance Day:

Remembrance Day is on 11th November each year. It marks the ceasefire in World War I which was signed on that day back in 1918.

It unites across faiths, cultures and backgrounds to remember the service and sacrifice of the Armed Forces community from Britain and the Commonwealth.

Remembrance Day does not glorify war. Those who wish to remember wear a red poppy; a sign of both Remembrance and hope for a peaceful future.

The British Legion advises: "Remembrance unites people of all faiths, cultures, and backgrounds but it is also deeply personal. Everyone is free to remember in their own way, or to choose not to remember at all."

Invite your pupils to ask any questions.

Task - Create A Word Bank

You can do this as a class or individually. You'll need 2 columns:

Adjectives	Nouns
scary	soldier
noisy	prime minister
smoky	pilot

What descriptive words can your pupils think of to describe war? (Adjectives column)

What people or things would they expect to see in a war poem? (Nouns column)

Write down ideas in each column to create an individual or a class word bank your pupils can use when writing a poem at the end of this unit.