



ARTICLE OF THE WEEK

INTRODUCING REMEMBRANCE DAY

Jenny introduces Remembrance Day & Article 38



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Remembrance Day is on November 11th

Remembrance Day is on 11 November and marks the day World War One ended, at 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month, in 1918.

It is an opportunity to remember the service and sacrifice of all those that have defended our freedoms and protected our way of life in all conflict and wars.

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LINKED UNCRC ARTICLES



One article provides a particularly strong link this week:

Article 38 – War and Armed Conflicts

- Governments must **not allow** children under the age of 15 to take part in war or join the armed forces.

Governments must do everything they can to **protect and care** for children affected by war and armed conflicts.



EXPLORING ARTICLE 38



Why is it important to **remember** and **commemorate** those who have fought in wars?

How does this link to article 38 in the CRC?

HOW MANY OF THESE DID YOU GET?

- It's important to remember and acknowledge and thank those who have fought to keep children safe
- Children have a right to life. During wars, some people lose their own lives to protect the lives of children and it is important to remember their sacrifice
- If we forget about wars that have protected our way of life, we might make the same mistakes again
- Children have a right to be protected during armed conflicts
- Children under 15 should not take part in war
- It is important to think about how we can achieve a more peaceful future
- It is important to consider ways to avoid war and to resolve conflict

Did you think of anything else?

PRIMARY ACTIVITIES

You do not need to complete every activity but if you have time you can try to complete more than one.

Learn about the history of Remembrance Day/WW1 and what it is all about in [this film](#) about pupils perspectives.

What rights are you reminded of?
What could your class share with the rest of your school?



Poppies are used as symbols during Remembrance Day events. Watch this short CBeebies animation and discuss what the film is about.

Discuss how the rabbit is feeling during the war. If the rabbit was a child, what rights are affected?



Watch The Poppy Story (left) by Poppy Scotland or read [The Poppy Story animation](#) and then create an art display of poppies to show your thanks to those who have protected children's rights in war.

Perhaps recycle some old plastic bottles or paper?

Remembrance Day was originally called **Armistice Day** – what does Armistice mean and find out why it was changed?

There is some information [here](#) from the British Legion about **Remembrance Day**.

PRIMARY ACTIVITIES 2

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War affects people and communities in different ways. In recent years **different coloured poppies** have been used to represent this.

Find out more about the different colours of poppies used, and add them to your display to show how you **value diversity**.

[Find out more here](#)

The soldiers involved in many wars gone by have come from all different **backgrounds, cultures, nationalities and religions**. Use [these resources](#) from the Black History Month website or [The Black Curriculum](#) (registration required) to find out more.

Share with your friends the most interesting thing you discover.

Do you have any local war memorials? Perhaps you could visit one nearby either with your class or your family. You might be able to find out names of people who died in wars from your local area.

See if you can find out any more information about them and what happened. Share this with your class.

There are many children in the world today who are **affected by war**. War Child is a charity that works to protect the rights of children in five countries where there is conflict. Find out more about their work [here](#).

What could you do to **advocate for the rights** of children affected by war?

REFLECTION

Take some time and find some space to be still and to think

Perhaps do your own 2 minutes silence on Remembrance Day

- Think about those who have lost their lives in war and conflict helping to bring freedom and a better life for others
- Think about and appreciate all those people around you who help to keep you safe
- Take some time to think about what peace means to you

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