

HISTORY Key Stage 1

QCA Unit 17 – Year 2

What are we remembering on Remembrance Day?

This unit is designed to develop the knowledge, skills and understanding of a famous event in the past, Remembrance Day that is commemorated in Chesterfield and in the wider world.

The Derbyshire Urban Studies Centre runs this one day programme for the week leading up to Remembrance Sunday. During the day each of the key questions outlined in QCA Unit 17 will be worked through. The activities will take place in the classroom and on site in the town centre.

The children will find out about why people wear poppies in November, why the poppy is a symbol of remembrance, something about the people who are remembered and where the war memorials are in Chesterfield. They will find out something about what happens on Remembrance Day and why it is important to remember events from the past.

PLEASE NOTE: This programme includes a fieldwork activity where children and the adult helpers/teachers will carry out a questionnaire. Please prepare adult helpers and children and explain the difference between talking to members of the public to carry out a questionnaire and 'not talking to strangers'.

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PROGRAMME

- 9.30 Welcome and introduction
Key Question
Why are people wearing poppies this week?
Activities
A range of classroom and fieldwork activities, including carrying out a questionnaire, will be used to explore and answer this question.
- 10.30 Break in the classroom – please bring a drink and a snack. Play time activities will be provided.
- 10.50 **Key Question**
Who do we remember on Remembrance Day?
Activities
A range of classroom and fieldwork activities will be used to explore and answer this question including a site visit to the cenotaph outside the Town Hall.
- 12.00 Lunch – please bring your own packed lunch to eat in the classroom.
- 12.40 **Key Questions**
Why do we have Remembrance Day?
What happens on Remembrance Day?
Why is it important to remember?
Activities
The afternoon will begin with a visit to the war memorial in the Parish Church (Crooked Spire) to study a window given to the church in memory to an airman who died in the First World War.
- 1.45 Back in the classroom pupils will have the opportunity to talk with either a member of the British Legion or an Officer from the Territorial Army.
- 2.30 Leave
- Please make sure that the children and adult helpers are dressed appropriately for the weather.
 - We will carry out fieldwork regardless of the weather.