**What is Remembrance Day?**

Remembrance Day is a day which take place every year so that countries can remember members of the armed forces who have lost their lives serving their country.

**When is Remembrance Day?**

Remembrance Day is always 11th November (11/11). It was on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month that combat in World War 1 came to an end in 1918.

Remembrance Day has been held since 1919.

**Why do we wear poppies on Remembrance Day?**

The poppy was one of the first flowers to bloom on the battlefields during World War 1. Their bright red colour symbolised the blood shed during the conflict, but also the hope of new life, and the poppy became the symbol of Remembrance Day.

The Remembrance Poppy has been used as a symbol since 1920. Today, poppies are worn on clothing in the days leading up to Remembrance Day, and poppy wreaths are placed on war memorials. This is why Remembrance Day is often known as Poppy Day.

The money raised goes to help veterans of the armed services.

**What is Remembrance Sunday?**

Remembrance Sunday is always the second Sunday in November, the Sunday closest to Remembrance Day . Many ceremonies are held to remember those who gave their lives during World War 1 and later conflicts.

A two minute silence is traditionally held at 11 o’clock on both Remembrance Day and Remembrance Sunday.

**Why do we have Remembrance Day?**

Remembrance Day is an opportunity to pay respect and honour to those who lost their lives serving their country. It also gives the public a chance to remember family and friends who lost their lives fighting in wars. Finally, it gives people a chance to consider the cost of war.

**Ireland and Remembrance Day**

Ireland has not always recognised Remembrance Day. This is due to our history of conflict with Britain. There is more acceptance of the day now as it has been recognised that many Irish men fought in the wars and they deserve to be remembered also.

Ireland also has a separate day to remember soldiers lost in war. The national day of commemoration is held on the Sunday nearest July 11th.

**Questions**

**What is Remembrance Day?**

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**What date did the war end on?**

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**Why are Poppies used as the symbol for the day?**

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**On what date does Ireland remember its lost soldiers?**

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