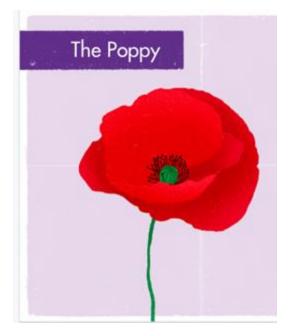


Glossopdale School and Sixth Form

Remembrance Assembly Reading week





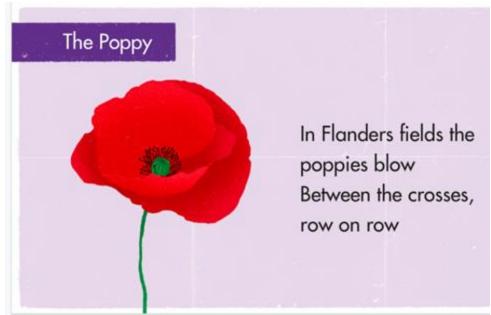


What does the poppy represent?

Why do we use the poppy?

Can you name other poppy colours used on Remembrance Day?

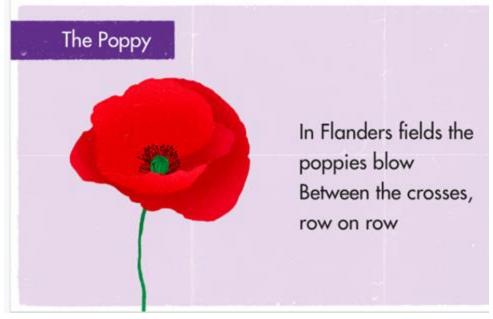




The poppy became a symbol of Remembrance after the First World War.

During WW1, much of the fighting took place in Western Europe. The countryside was blasted, bombed and fought over repeatedly. Previously beautiful landscapes turned to mud; bleak and barren scenes where little or nothing could grow.





In the Spring of 1915, shortly after losing a friend in Ypres, a Canadian doctor, Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, was moved by the sight of these poppies and that inspiration led him to write the now famous poem In Flanders Fields.



In Flanders Fields

The poem by John McCrae

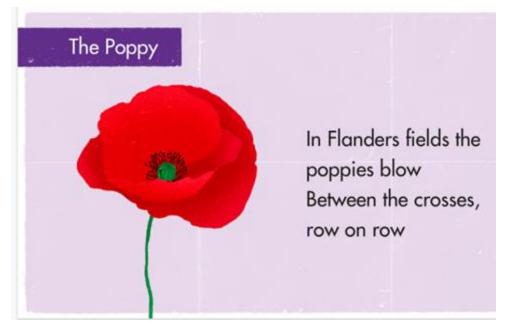
In Flanders' fields the popples blow Between the crosses, row on row, That mark our place: and in the sky The larks, still bravely singing, fly Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders' fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe;
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high,
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders' Fields.







In the UK, people wear poppies in November to remember those who have served and sacrificed and as a sign of hope for a peaceful future.





What does the Marigold represent?





The marigold is also a symbol of Remembrance, helping us remember that the UK wasn't alone. Millions of people from pre-partition India (including the areas that are now Pakistan and Bangladesh) served alongside Britain in WWI and WWII.

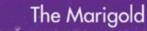


The Marigold



Scattered like shells on Egyptian sands,
They lie with pale brows and brave,
broken hands,
They are strewn like blossoms mown
down by chance
On the blood-brown meadows of
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The marigold is particularly special in India, where it is often used at important occasions like weddings and religious festival. The saffron colour of the flowers has been described as 'the colour of sacrifice'.

The extract is from *The Gift of India* by Sarojini Naidu in which she explores India's contribution to the First World War.



So who do we remember?

What is Remembrance?



We remember people who have served and sacrificed for and alongside the UK, including armed forces, emergency services and all those affected.

This reminds us that whenever there is fighting, there is always a human cost, both for the people fighting and for the people living in countries involved.

Remembrance is the act of stopping to remember the people affected by war and to hope for a peaceful future.



Those who served and those who they came home to.

The veterans living with the memories:

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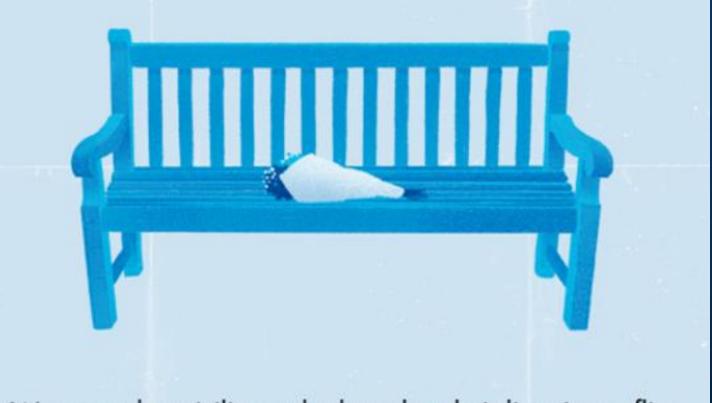






We also remember the families who have lost loved ones or who are caring for injured and recovering veterans.





We remember civilians who have lost their lives in conflict

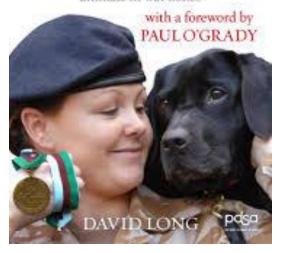








Inspiring true stories of courageous animals in war zones







While we're not at war, terrorist acts still take place and our emergency services are the first to arrive to help the victims.



Manchester attack: Paramedic opens up about 'harrowing night'

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How do we remember?





How do we remember?





Short Verses



They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning

We will remember them.

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Poems

What are we fighting for?



What are we fighting for?
We have to do or die.
What are we fighting for?
We can't turn a blind eye.
What are we fighting for?
To sleep safely in bed.
What are we fighting for?
To keep away fear and dread.
What are we fighting for?
To keep our children free.
What are we fighting for?

To choose our own destiny.

What are we fighting for?

Because there's nowhere to hide.

What are we fighting for?

Because so many have died.

What are we fighting for?

To challenge oppression.

What are we fighting for?

To combat aggression.

What are we fighting for?

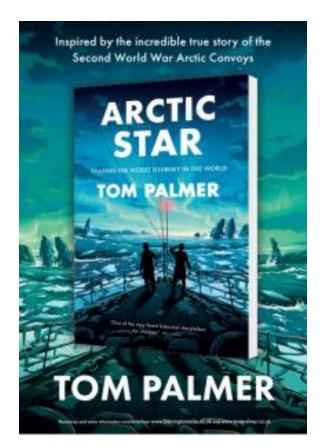
To win us the war.

What are we fighting for?
So there won't be any more.
What are we fighting for?
So that we can make sure.
What are we fighting for?
It's a war to end war.
What are we fighting for?
So we'll never need to say
What are we fighting for?
Again.

By Brian Moses



Books

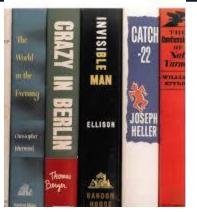


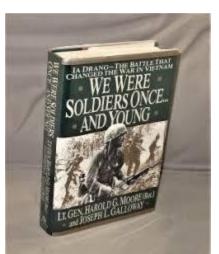
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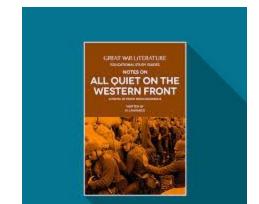




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Reflection

- We remember the past and all the people who have served and sacrificed or been affected by war
- We think about today and all the people who are fighting for our way of life
- We look forward to the future and hope it will be peaceful





The Last Post

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