

Remembrance Week 2019

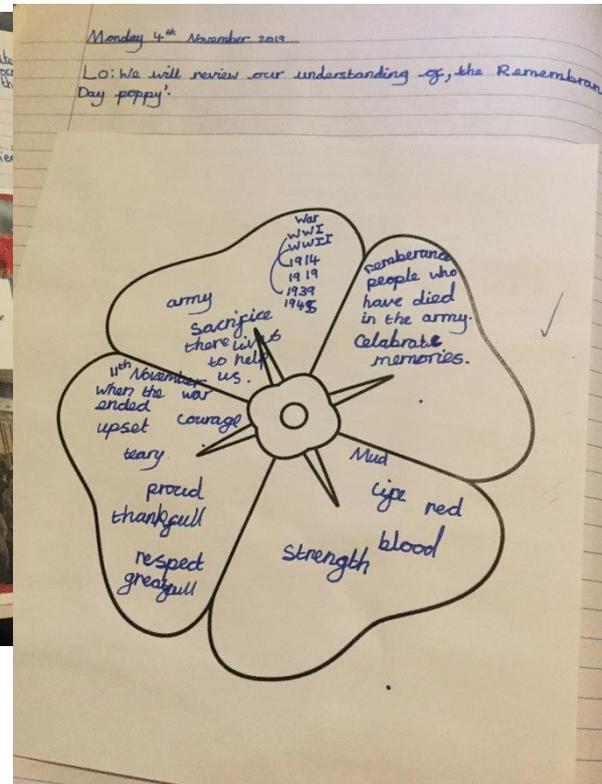
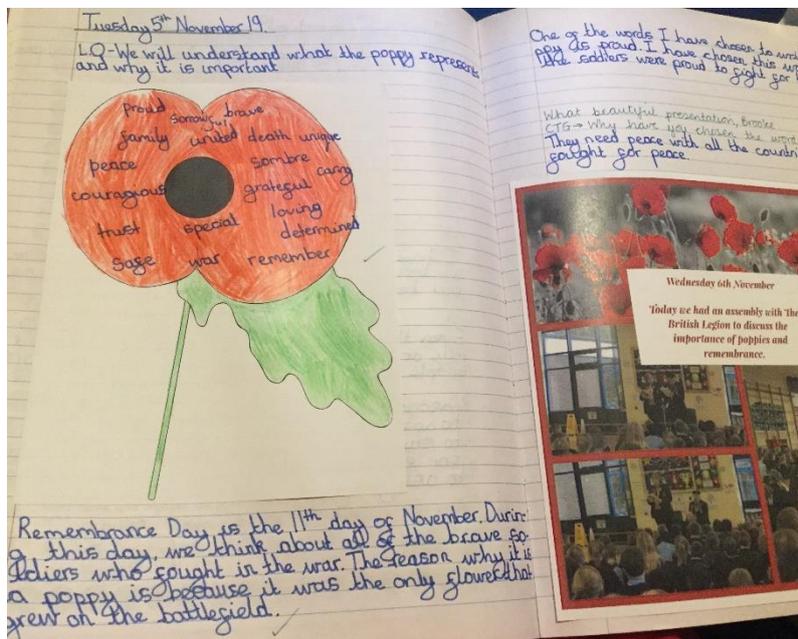
Once again pupils and staff at Meadows have surpassed themselves when commemorating Remembrance this year. Every year group has worked hard talking about the significance of Remembrance and why it is so important that we mark it every year.

We have worked closely with our local church, St Mary's in Red Lake, Ketley, and also the Royal British Legion when the president of the Oakengates branch and a fellow member came in to talk to the children about the origins of the RBL, and how the money raised from the Poppy appeal is used every year. Children have completed art work and research projects and have all created poppies to place around the school and the local area to mark the occasion. Key Stage Two have marked the occasion by working with both the Parish Church and Reverend Heather Page at St Mary's Church, Redlake. Year Three completed a Heritage Walk around the local area and put their own homemade poppies that had the names of fallen soldiers from the Ketley area around the walk. Year 4 had a very busy time, as they began by making poppies and writing Remembrance Poetry, both of which they took down to a service at the flower bed at the HolyHead Road crossroads that was kindly attended by members of the Local Parish Council. Children read their poetry aloud, before observing a two minutes silence. They then placed their poppies into the flowerbed while the names of fallen Ketley soldiers were read out.

On Remembrance Sunday itself, five pupils from Year Four and Mrs Johnson attended the Remembrance Sunday Service at St Mary's Church. The children were invited to read out a section from 'For the Fallen', and then to lay a wreath on the War Memorial. They also had the opportunity to read aloud their Remembrance poems as part of the service, and they did a fantastic job!



Years Five and Six held their own Remembrance Service at the Church on the 12th November. Here, they read aloud their Remembrance poems, showed the artwork they had created and also lit a candle of Remembrance for each of the soldiers from the Ketley area who had lost their life in World War One and Two.



Upon talking to the pupils after these events had taken place, it is very clear that pupils at Meadows Primary School have a strong understanding of why it is so important that we mark Remembrance each year.



Jeff and Gill from the Royal British Legion

- With proud thanksgiving a mother for her children, -
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for children Britain's home for dead -
With proud thanksgiving
For the Fallen
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Ketty mourns for her dead across the sea,
Son's, father's, Uncle and pals they were,
Fallen in the cause of the free.
Sorrow and despair those left behind felt,
But the men were brave, courageous yet heavy hearted,
They went off to war across the deep ocean,
Not ~~knowing~~ knowing, if they would see them again after
they parted.
The harshest of conditions they did face,
Marching tall towards their darkest gear,
Young and old they stood together,
Dying on the fields while those left behind shed those tears
They shall not grow old, as we are left to grow old,
Age shall not weary them, as they lie in the stars,
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
He will remember them.

