



Craft Activity

Theme: Remembrance Day

Intro: Remembrance Day falls on the 11th of November. It is a day to remember the end of World War I and the men and women who went to war. Having a minute silence at 11am is a respectful way to think of these people.

Craft activity: Poppies

Children will need: Red patty pans, glue, black card, sticky tape, pipe cleaners, scissors.

Instructions:

Using scissors, cut 1 patty pan smaller than the other. Glue smaller circle inside of larger one. Cut a smaller circle from the black card and glue into the centre of your patty pans. Take some sticky tape and tape a pipe cleaner to the back of your flower. This makes your Poppy.

Extension Idea: Pop sticks or green straws can be used instead of pipe cleaners. Red tissue paper can also be used in place of the patty pans. Scrunch the petals a little to give them dimension. Should you not have black card, use black paint to paint the centre of the poppy or black "loop" dots from Velcro dots. Apple print poppies (cut apples in half and remove small amount of core. Use apple and red paint to print poppy shape onto card). Look at grandparents or great-grandparents war medals, if they have some.

Fact: World War I officially ended at 11am on the 11th of November 1918. The Flanders Poppy was one of the first plants to grow in the battlefields. Rosemary was also found growing on the Gallipoli Peninsula, by Australians.



Learning Outcome 2: Children are connected with and contribute to their world



Coordinator extension ideas and group time guide

Sensory activity: Play Dough

You will need: Red Play Dough, Sprigs of Rosemary, Playdough tools.

Play Dough Recipe

- 1 Cup plain flour
- ½ cup salt
- 2 tablespoons cream of tartar
- 1 tablespoon cooking oil
- Approx 1 cup boiling water
- Red Food Colouring

Mix together dry ingredients

Mix oil, food colouring, into water and add slowly to dry ingredients until dough forms

Knead until smooth and stretchy

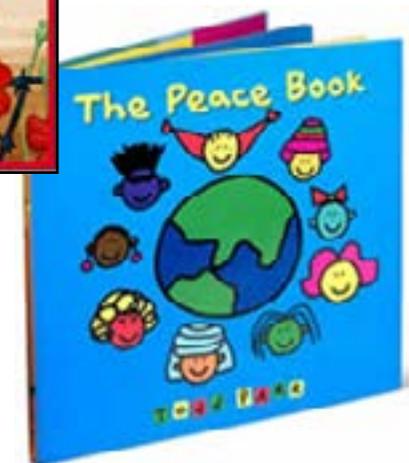
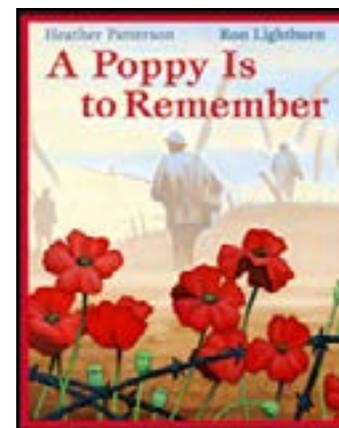
Store in an airtight container in the fridge

*You may need to double the recipe to ensure there's enough Playdough for all children

Instructions: Children can use Playdough to make Poppies. Use Rosemary sprigs to decorate creations.

Group time ideas:

Read the Remembrance Day poem to the children, Listen to The Last post, Observe a Minute's Silence at 11am.



Book Suggestions:

A Poppy is to remember by Heather Patterson
The Peace Book by Todd Parr



Remembrance Day Poppy Song

Adapted from The Kiboomers! The Poppy Song! Memorial Day. Kids Song.

Thank you, thank you, thank you,
Let's all say thank you,
We will all say thank you,
On this special day.

Thank you, thank you, thank you,
Let's all say thank you,
We will all say thank you,
On Remembrance Day.

I'll wear a little poppy,
As red as red can be.
To show that I remember,
Those who fought for me,
I will wear a red poppy!

Thank you, thank you, thank you,
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We will all say thank you,
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