

# Indoor Remembrance Garden

Acknowledging the debts we owe to  
"they who shall not grow old"

We'd love to hear how you get on with (and  
develop) the activity, so please let us know!



## Resources:

- LED tealights (available from around 50p each) - 1 per pupil
- Red A4 paper (or white paper and red crayons) – 1 per pupil
- Scissors
- Grey A4 card (although white will do) – 1 per table
- Pens/Pencils

## Preparation:

- You might conduct some preliminary research so as to be able to offer children guidance in their research task (see below).
- Identify and clear a suitable table, adjoining a wall, to host the Remembrance Garden.
- If working with younger children, you might consider cutting the poppy petals from the red paper beforehand (see below).

## Introduction:

- Explore what "remembrance" means – especially in relation to WWI.

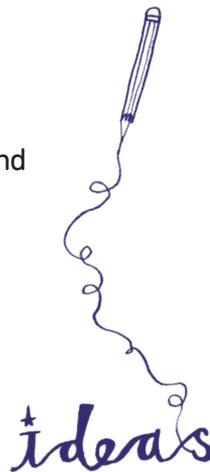
## Application:

- Challenge the pupils to conduct some research – can they discover names of people in their families and/or the local community who were killed during WWI?
- Give each table an A4 sheet of grey/white card on which pupils will write the names they have discovered and so create a Remembrance Card (you might want to limit this to two names per child).

- Give each pupil an A4 sheet of red paper (if using white, ask them to colour these red before proceeding). Show them how to use a "paper dolly" technique to create poppy petals.
- Fix all the Remembrance Cards to the wall adjoining the display table.
- Ask the children to switch their tealights on and come forward, table by table, to arrange them on the display table.
- Once all the tealights have been arranged, ask one table to come forward. One pupil reads out the names on their Remembrance Card – then all pupils sprinkle their poppy petals around the outside of the tealights.
- Repeat until all tables have made their contributions – and the Garden is complete.

## Note:

If the idea of turning on and off 30 tealights fills you with dread, you can replace them with pots of growing rosemary – a herb that traditionally, as Shakespeare reminds us in "Hamlet", is "for remembrance".



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