

Archibald's Week of Remembrance

To start our week of Remembrance, Archibald welcomed Tom McConville and Tony Wilson. Together they delighted us by discussing the war through pictures and songs.

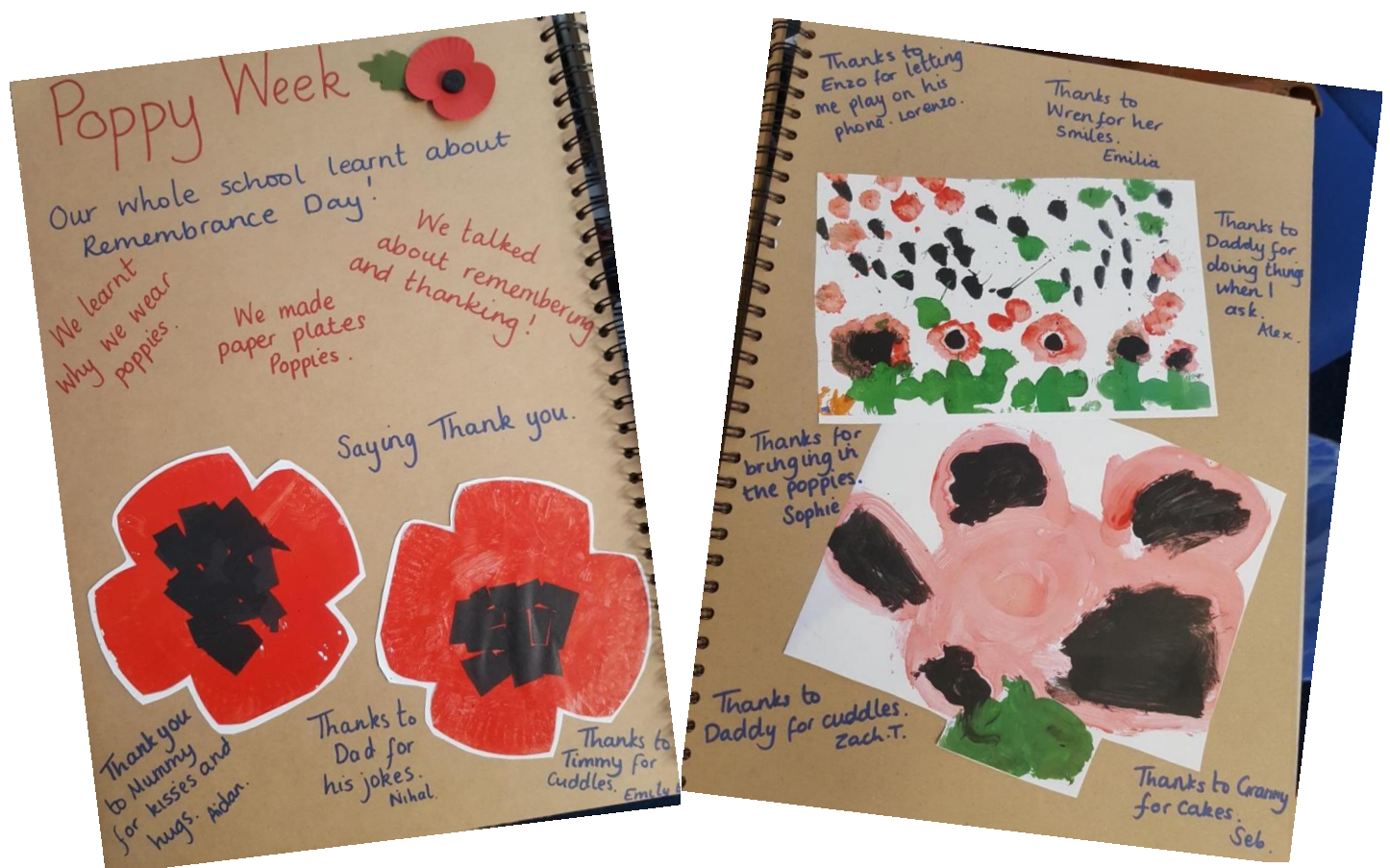
It was a fantastic morning and we were all singing 'It's a Long Way to Tipperary' at the end of the week.



Early Year's Week of Remembrance

Early Years embraced the themes of remembering and saying thank you with the children learning the Makaton signs for 'remember' and 'thank you'.

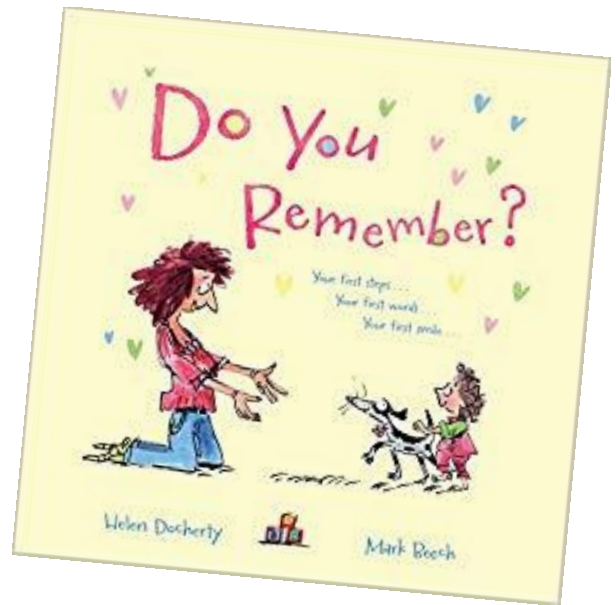
After looking at the poppy, Reception painted poppy pictures and created 3D poppies using paper plates.



The children thought about who they would like to say thank you to as well as making thank you cards for someone special in their lives.



They each bought in a precious picture and recorded their special memories around these.



The book 'Do You Remember?' was a great stimulus for thinking about the past.

Nursery made yummy Poppy Seed & Lemon Muffins!



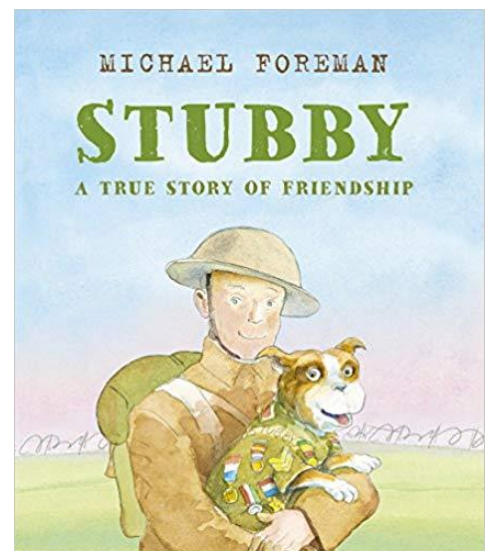
Year 1's Week of Remembrance

Year 1 were super historians as they learned about and paid our respects to those that gave the ultimate sacrifice in The Great War.

Their focus has been learning about the role of different animals in World War I. The children were amazed to learn just how brave the horses, pigeons and dogs were and how important they were to the soldiers.

Did you know a pigeon called Cher Ami managed to still get a message out to the troops even though she was injured? She saved lots of lives and received a medal!

They also researched a very special dog called Sergeant Stubby. He followed his friend Robert onto a ship and went off to war in France. He was so important in keeping up the morale of soldiers, chasing away the rats in the trenches and barking an alarm at the first smell of gas! He even bit some enemies on the bottom.



Having found out about rationing and food in the war, Year 1 made trench cake! This was a great treat for the soldiers in the trenches as it didn't go off easily.

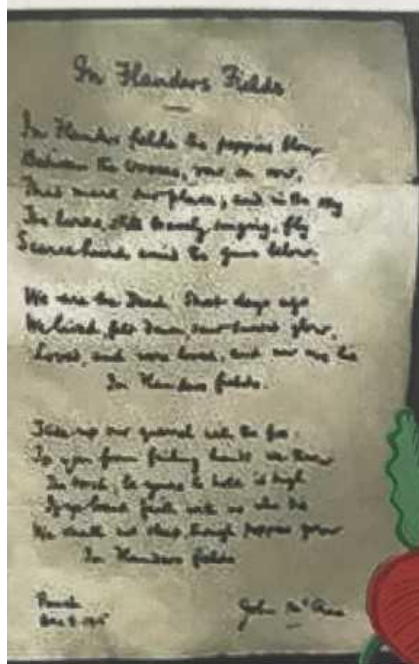


Look at the beautiful poppies Year 1 made by collaging foil.



As a class, the children read 'Flanders Field.' They talked about how the poem made them feel and the message it gave. Look at the mature comment below!

8 How well can I talk about how a poem makes me feel?



In Flanders Fields
In Flanders fields the poppies 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 falling hearts we run
To you, to you we raise the cry
To you, to you we sing, as here they lie
We shall not sleep, though here we lie
In Flanders fields.

Paul
1915

Together we read the poem 'In Flanders' Fields'

What does the poem make you think about?
How does it make you feel?
What message is it giving?

Please explain your reaction the poem below.

I feel sad because
that side and happy
because that savt are
live.

The Year 1 teachers have been blown away by how thoughtful, reflective and mature the children have been.

Year 2's Week of Remembrance

Year 2 had an amazing week learning all about World War 1.

Within Literacy, they learned all about the Christmas Truce. They watched videos showing them what happened, and thought very carefully about how the soldiers felt. The children even acted it out in their classrooms and pretended to be soldiers.



Katie - "I realised that the soldiers weren't always enemies."

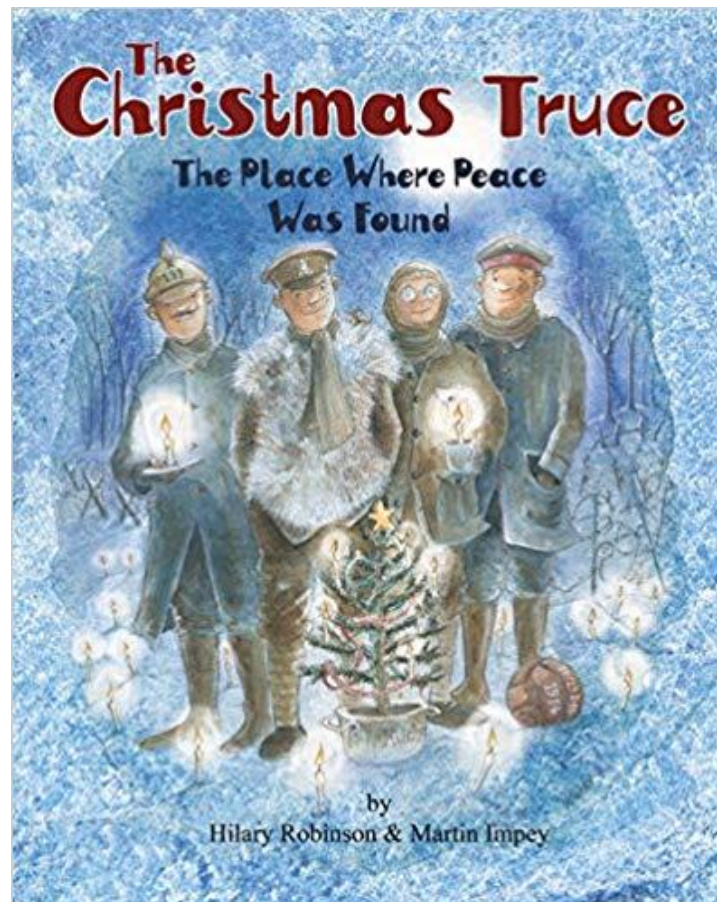
Louisa - "I realised how scared and afraid the soldiers must have been."

Archie - "I realised the Germans just wanted to be friends on Christmas day."

The children made the link between the war and our 'No Outsiders' rule in school. They realised that the Germans were no different to the British; they just had a job to do.



As writers, they used their knowledge of what happened on that wonderful day to take on the role of a soldier and write letters home to loved ones. The children talked about what happened, how they felt and how much they missed their friends and family back at home.





The children had a real treat... after learning about the different features of trenches, they actually made their own using chocolate cake and sweets to represent the different features.

They also learnt a special war time dance called a Charleston Stroll. The music was jolly and they had lots of fun

The Year 2 children used crepe paper to make poppies for our display. Don't they look beautiful!

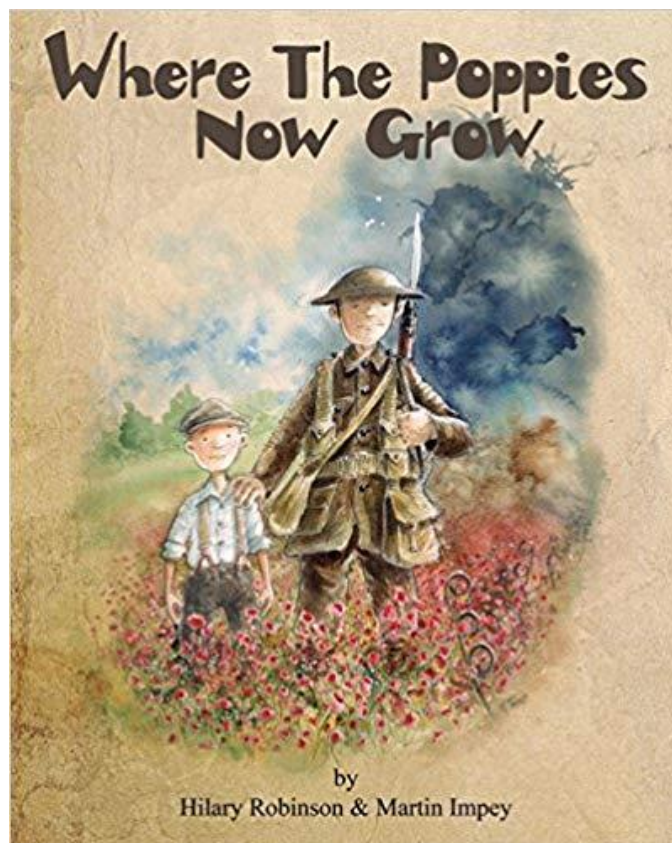


Albin - "This week was phenomenal because I loved learning about WWI and the trenches."

Emilia - "I think this week was absolutely brilliant because I love learning about history."

Year 3's Week of Remembrance

Year 3 explored WWI using the story 'Where the Poppies Now Grow'. The children took on the role of the men in the story and wrote reflective memoirs.

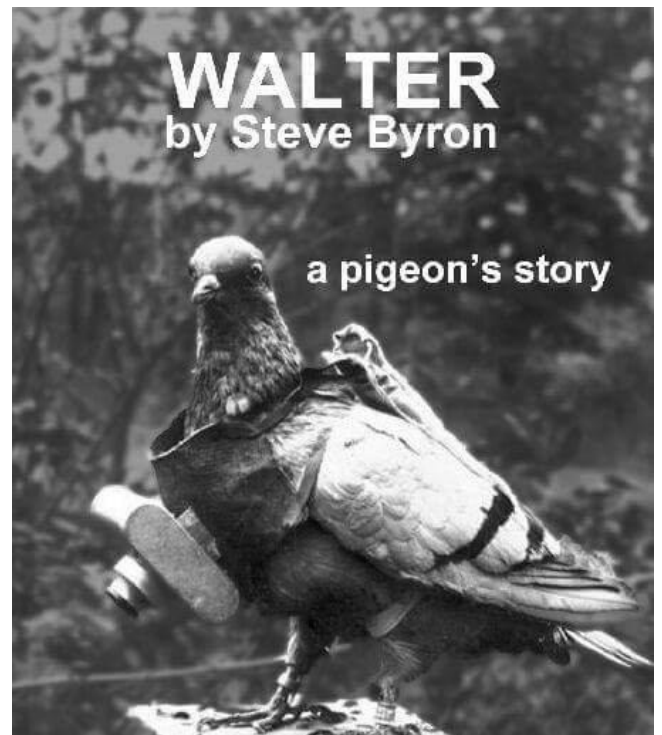


They also used artist's images of the war as inspiration for their own pieces of art work.

Year 4's Week of Remembrance

Year 4 visited the Alphabetti Theatre and Discovery Museum as part of their learning.

The children watched a performance of 'Walter', received a guided tour of the Charge! exhibition at The Discovery Museum, took part in a performance workshop focussing on the role of animals during WWI as well as visiting a WWI replica trench



The whole day was impressive with the children being immersed in the experience of WWI along with having the opportunity to interact with archives from that period and the actors.

To end the day all of the children took part in a creative writing workshop creating their own story around WWI.



Dulcie - "My favourite part of the trip was the fabulous play about Walter. It gave us lots to think about."

Theo - "I liked learning all about the trenches and the conditions that the soldiers had to work in."

Lizzy - "The play was lots of fun to watch and very informative. It was so clever how they used pigeons to tell the story of WWI."

Francesca - "I loved taking part in the drama workshop; it was fun but really made us all think about the importance of animals during WWI."