



November ... time to Remember!

Introducing the Poppy Song &
other music for WW1 centenary

What is an Ember?

- Here's a clue!
- Think about why the word ember may be found at the end of the months of autumn?



September, November, December ...

7 9 10! (Roman Calendar)

What dates do we remember?

- Hands up who has a birthday this month? That was easy to remember!
- We don't forget things that are enjoyable, for obvious reasons
- But sometimes we should remember things that are harsh and nasty ... so people will take especial care not to repeat them
- That is the reason we have Remembrance events every year



What to remember about war



- War happens when powerful people, in control of countries or areas of land, have a big disagreement ...
- If they cannot reach solutions through talking, eventually one side may decide to start a real fight to get what they want. They will order their soldiers, sailors and air fighters to 'engage'
- In wars there have been many kinds of fighting, always designed to cause injury, hardship and death

Why is 2018 special?

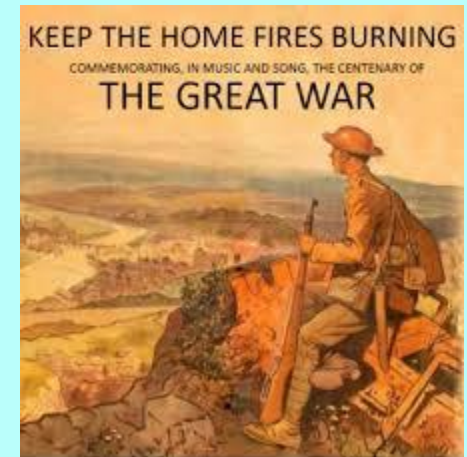
- This year marks 100 years since a massive world war came to an end
- It ran from 1914 to 1918, with our country leading the fight against Germany
- It was called the Great War, but the only great thing was the number of lives lost – about 16.5 million
- There were even more injured survivors, affected physically or emotionally or both

Why do we wear a poppy?

- After a piece of ground has been used in war, it is unfit for growing .. We call it barren ground
- But strangely, one plant will appear and thrive the next year – that is the poppy
- Much of WW1 was fought in muddy pits called trenches, across France and Belgium
- After the trenches were abandoned, or filled in, the red poppies came up

The role of singing in WW1

- Singing was very important, to keep up the morale of people involved in fighting and for those at home
- You can hear this in the words 'Pack up your troubles, in your old kit bag ... what's the use of worrying, it never was worth while!
- Or 'Keep the home fires burning, there's a silver lining through the dark clouds shining'



Poppy Song

Autumn Songs Part 2 - For October and November

The Calendar Collection

Rhythmic Learning

Poppy song to sing and play



A primary school assembly song and easy2play instrument parts for KS2



Music notation for instruments, catchy tunes and historical context

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- See a film here – <https://rhythmic-learning.co.uk/poppinup.php>
- Purchase the pack from the Shop – <https://rhythmic-learning.co.uk/digital-fun.php>

As you sing the Poppy Song

In verse 1

think that soldiers are brave to keep us safe



In verse 2, remember
lives that were lost

In verse 3, think of those who survived
but whose lives are wretched as a result

Something you could do, today

- In spite of everything that happened 100 years ago, we still haven't 'cured' war
- There are tens of thousands of people living in war areas, called 'zones'
- There is a charity that is entirely dedicated to helping children who live in war zones
- It is called simply WAR CHILD ... you may like to visit their web site <https://www.warchild.org.uk/>
- And if you can, why not put some money in the collection tin?



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