Ideas Organiser: A Christmas Cracker!

Key Knowledge

- **Remembrance Day** marks the anniversary of the date and time that the First World War ended.
- It is a time to remember all those who died in the wars so that we might live freely today.
- Remembrance Day is on the 11th November (eleventh day and the eleventh month).
- At 11:00 (eleventh hour), we hold a 2 minutes silence to think about the soldiers who sacrificed their lives.
- Poppies grow over the battlefields and are a symbol of Remembrance Day.
- Selling poppies helps to raise money to support soldiers.

Christmas – a Christian festival

- A Christian celebration to remember the birth of Jesus over 2000 years ago.
- The Nativity Story from the New Testament.
- Similarities and differences to other Christian festivals.
- The true meaning of Christmas (not all about the gifts).

Key Vocabulary

Battlefield: A piece of land where fighting takes place.

Poppy: A red flower.

Memories: Something remembered from the past.

Enemy: Someone who is against you in a nasty or vicious way.

War memorial/Cenotaph: Stone statue where wreaths are laid to remember soldiers.

Commemorate: Celebrate and remember a person or event.

Disciplinary vocabulary: year, living memory, when? Where? Significant



Key Vocabulary and knowledge

Bible: The Holy Book of Christians

Nativity: The first Christmas

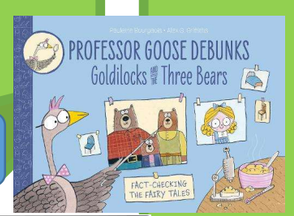
Celebrate: Enjoy a special occasion

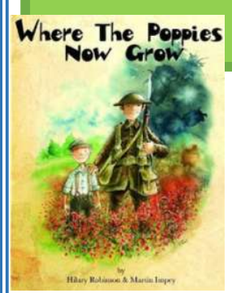
Community: A group of people

Pray: To say thank you to God

Candle symbol: Represents Jesus as the light of the world.

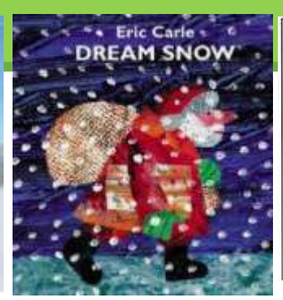
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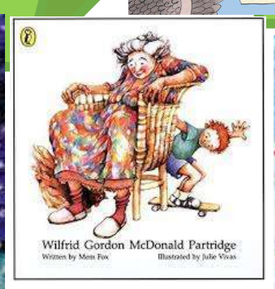






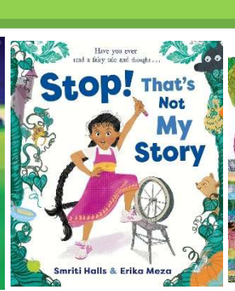


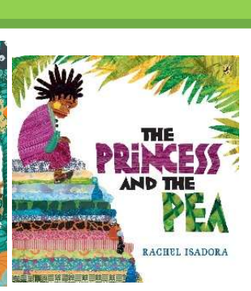














Making Links:

Writing: Retelling the Nativity Story & Letter writing to Santa

D&T: Textiles – sewing Christmas trees

Art: Sculpture – salt dough decorations

Music: Singing in the Christmas Performance

PE: Dance linked to the Christmas performance.

PSHE: Road safety, Bonfire safety and dark nights

British Values

Mutual respect – understand why we must respect the beliefs of others even if they are different to our own.

Values & attitudes we can always show in this project:







Quality Outcomes & Experiences:

- Design and sculpt Christmas decorations
- Sewing to create a Christmas tree
- Thank you letters to the soldiers
- Letters to Santa
- Participation in the Christmas performance



Local
- Thinking about the needs of others and being a positive role model.

National
- Thinking of the sacrifice of others past and present.

International
- Important people who impact the world.