

Lesson Ideas

Memory Wall

Begin by asking the class to brainstorm memories that they have of the person who died. It may be that the memories are a little slow in coming to begin with, but they will soon begin to flow – you can help by sharing a memory first. The class may find it easier to break into groups and think of memories first. It can include their smile, laugh, mannerisms, favourite hobbies, funny moments, best clothes, trips out to town etc.

Materials Needed:

Photos, paper, paints, paper mache, art materials of your choice

Main Activity:

The task is to create a wall display of memories and stories. Pupils can use photos, models, poems, artefacts from home...anything that they want.

Hopefully the wall display will be full of great memories of their life with stories of moments spent with the person who died.

Include notes that detail the story behind each memory and explain the artwork or the model that is displayed.

Plenary:

Spend some time looking at the wall display once it is finished and get each pupil to share the story of the piece of the display that they worked on.

Taking the wall display down will also be a big thing for some students. It is important that they are involved in this and able to keep the bits that they made. Coming in to class one Monday morning to find it taken down and thrown in the bin could feel as though it is disrespectful, especially to those who were close to the person who died.

National Curriculum Requirements:

1a, 1b, 2b, 2c, 3a, 5a, 5b, 5c, 5d