

A POPPY

Level: Primary 4th Year (Natural Science)

Time: 2 sessions

Materials:

- ✔ cupcake cases
- ✔ black button
- ✔ green straws
- ✔ red paint and a paintbrush
- ✔ glue
- ✔ tape
- ✔ scissors

**Paul
Cummins**



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FUN FACTS

- ✔ Paul Cummins is a ceramic artist from the north of England.
- ✔ His most famous work was in *Blood Swept Lands and Seas of Red* in 2014.
- ✔ This was an installation to commemorate 100 years since World War I.
- ✔ He and his team made a ceramic poppy for each soldier that died in the war.
- ✔ They made 888,246 and placed them around the tower of London. It took 17,500 people to place them.
- ✔ Each flower was handmade and slightly different.





Basic description:

During today's session we will create a poppy. We have to tell the pupils in advance to bring the necessary materials, in this case, cupcake cases, black buttons and green straws, to make their work of art. We will start by presenting the artist Paul Cummins and the installation *Blood Swept Lands and Seas of Red*. We will ask what facts the pupils know about him and his installation. After this short introduction, we will explain the steps to follow.

Lesson Plan:

First session: (15 min) Explain and talk to your children about Paul Cummins and *Blood Swept Lands and Seas of Red*.
(30 min) Steps 1-2 should be completed in the first session.

Second session: (30 min) Steps 3-6 should be completed in the second session.
(15 min) Close the session with a game related to the topic.

Game:

Play a word association game starting with a word related to photosynthesis, e.g. *chloroplasts*. Point to a pupil who says a word related to that word. The next pupil says a word related to that word, and so on. If a pupil hesitates, they are out. The last pupil in wins. At the end of the game, review the words related to photosynthesis and ask for their meanings.

Learning Outcomes:

- ✔ Understands photosynthesis.
- ✔ Makes three-dimensional works with different materials planning the process and choosing the best way of doing it.

Step 1



Cut around the outside of one of the cupcake cases to make it smaller.

Step 2



Paint the cupcake cases red.

Step 3



Glue the smaller cupcake case to the bigger cupcake case to make the flower head.

Step 4



Glue the button to the centre of the flower head.

Step 5



Tape the straw to the back of the flower head.

Step 6



Compare your poppy to your classmates'.