

VE Day Celebrations

Friday 8th May is VE Day. This marks 75 years since the end of World War II. Many families lost loved ones during this time and children had been sent away as evacuees. Therefore, the end of the war was a significant occasion and a cause for celebrations up and down the country.

Watch this short video clip:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/history-ks2-ve-day/z7xtmfr>



Many people will have to stay at home so will be having street style parties and decorating themselves and their homes in red, white and blue to represent the Union Jack.

Here are some activities and resources to help you to do the same if you'd like to participate.

At 9am on 8th May, The Queen will address the nation and there will be a live stream on BBC – which is the exact same time that her father, King George VI, spoke to the UK 75 years ago, on the actual VE Day.

Have a look at the links below to find out more:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/4TrqYDyf4PMdLypxzyTwGDg/great-british-bunting>

<https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/remembrance/remembrance-events/ve-day-75>

<https://wharfedale.mumbler.co.uk/ve-day-lockdown-party-ideas/>

<https://www.goodtoknow.co.uk/family/ve-day-celebrations-in-lockdown-540015>

Activities

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/48201749>

- Create a poster filled with facts about VE day.
- Write your own fact file using subheadings and paragraphs.
- Record yourself pretending to be a news anchor telling Britain the news.
- Write questions about VE day and then quiz your family and friends.
- Research your family tree, are you related to anyone who served in the war? Find out information about them.

Morse Code

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/quizzes/bp-morse-code-adventure>

Morse code is a communication system that represents the alphabet and numbers with a series of dots, dashes or a combination of both.

Can you write a secret coded message for your family to crack?

Art

- Design and make a Veteran's medal using the ideas below.
- Create and colour a tea cup design

Music

Try and learn the Horrible Histories VE Day song and perform it to your family.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/watch/horrible-histories-songs-ve-day-song>

Create your own motivational song. Listen to some of the following clips for inspiration.

- Wartime song lyrics -
<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/war/songs.htm>
- Run, rabbit, run! -
http://www.viewpure.com/0uWL1O9r_ml?start=0&end=0
- Long way to Tipperary/ Pack up your troubles -
http://www.viewpure.com/FsynSgeo_Uo?start=0&end=0

- We'll meet again - <http://www.viewpure.com/cHcunREYzNY?start=0&end=0>
- The White Cliffs of Dover - <https://vimeo.com/209208893>

PE - Dance

Why not practise some dance moves from during the war?

- The Lindy Hop- <https://safeyoutube.net/w/cXI7>
- Charleston - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f2lilenn7qo>
- Lambeth Walk - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bdSvLV-EgSA>

Watch a Year 6 class do it.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WNMzyOCGFOQ>