

VE Day Inspired Home Learning.



WB. 4/5/20



This **Bank Holiday Friday 8/5/20** marks the **75th anniversary of VE Day.**

VE stands for **Victory in Europe Day** it is celebrated each year as a way to remember the day when World War 2 ended. On the **8th May 1945**, 75 years ago Britain and its allies celebrated the end of **World War 2** after 6 long years. We have chosen some home learning activities this week that help continue to mark and celebrate this commemorative event.

Please ask an adult to help you read through the 'VE Day Victory ppt.' to give you some more information about VE Day, the War and what it was like on this day back in 1945.



You will find this ppt. along with other learning resources and activities you may like to use this week on the Year 1 Home Learning area of the website. Do not worry if you are unable to print these activities please just use plain paper!

Literacy

Imagine you were alive back in 1945 and have a go at these Literacy tasks...

- Write a diary entry for 8th May 1945.



How did you feel when WW2 ended? What did you do to celebrate? What did you have to eat? What could you hear? Who did you celebrate with?

- Design a newspaper front cover to share the news the war had ended.

What might your newspaper title be? What pictures could you include? Can you label some of the items in your picture?

- Have a go at cracking these Morse Code sentences. Morse Code is what people used to send secret messages in war time so enemies were not able to know what they were talking about!



(Helpful Hint-The Morse Code alphabet is on the last page of the Literacy-Morse Code document.)

Maths

- Union Jack Colour by numbers.



- Make your own Ration Book- Write down the prices of each item. You could play shops and pretend to buy these items using coins or stamp tickets.

- You may also like to practise your maths skills by playing some of these more current maths games! You might like to try;
Post Sorting- Work out the answer to these addition sums and post the sum into the post box that shows the correct answer.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Flash.aspx?f=PostSortingcalculationsv2>

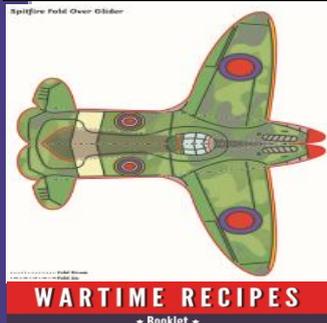
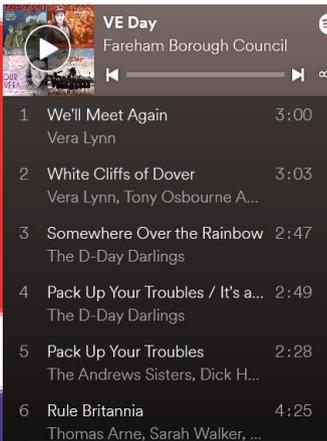
- Chopper Squad More or Less- Look carefully at the given number the find one more or less on the 100 square to safely rescue the man. If you are feeling confident you could even try 10 more or less!

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/chopper-squad>



In order to help families continue to celebrate VE Day whilst in lockdown Fareham Borough Council have produced a VE Day home learning pack. As part of this they have set up a VE Day playlist featuring many songs played within War time. Just search 'Fareham Borough Council playlist' on Spotify to find 75 tracks.

<https://www.fareham.gov.uk/leisure/ve75.aspx>



Music

- Listen to the song 'We'll Meet Again' by Dame Vera Lynn. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T5C4meGkNyc>
Dame Vera Lynn was a famous singer during the war time she used to sing to the soldiers to help lift their spirits and cheer them up.

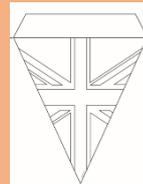
How does this song make you feel? How do you think it made people feel at the time when they listened to this song? Who might the soldiers have been thinking about whilst listening to this song?

Read the lyrics to the song and maybe you could try singing along too. Dame Vera Lynn is 103 years old now! Click on the link below to see what she looks like and to find out a little more about why she made this song.

<https://www.classicfm.com/discover-music/well-meet-again-dame-vera-lynn-lyrics-story/>

Art

- Union Jack Bunting.
- Practise drawing a soldier.
- Design your own VE Day medal.



Why not try these **Design and Technology** activities too...

- Make a WW2 Spitfire Glider out of paper. Test your paper plane. Why not have a competition with someone in your house to see who can land their Spitfire the furthest away.
- You may even fancy doing some baking, here are some 'War Time Recipes' you could try and recreate. They are a bit different to the things we eat now, back in war time people had to ration their food which meant items like eggs were often not available to use!

Reading

- Have a go at reading the Victory in Europe Day Fact File. *Can you tell an adult some of the facts you have learnt? You could phone a member of your friends or family to tell them an interesting fact!*

Now Celebrate!

You might like to hold your very own **VE Day house party** to celebrate on **Friday 8th May!**

Remember to email us any of your home learning or if you have any questions. We love seeing all of your fantastic work! Have a fun week and stay safe!

Love, Year 1 Team 😊