

# VE Day

Here are some ideas of different activities to help you learn about and celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day – marking 75 years since the end of WW2. These activities are for you to enjoy as a family leading up to the celebrations being held on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May, which is a Bank Holiday. Please send your photos to Mrs Cador so we can share and enjoy the celebrations together.

**Watch the video clip using the link below on BBC teach to learn all about what VE day is and why it is celebrated.**

**Could you write a diary entry as a child who has just celebrated VE day?** How would you feel? What did you and your family do to celebrate? How did you find out the news?

[https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/history-ks2-ve-day/z7xtmfr?fbclid=IwARonAo6SI3E9wBJvUQNBnO3QJ6e-IKqYvcjxw67wptsgNofV\\_HcVFcAAbw](https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/history-ks2-ve-day/z7xtmfr?fbclid=IwARonAo6SI3E9wBJvUQNBnO3QJ6e-IKqYvcjxw67wptsgNofV_HcVFcAAbw)

Many countries were a part of World War II.  
**Can you identify these countries and locate them on a map/atlas/globe?**

You could choose a country and create a fact file/poster about it.

**Challenge:** You may choose to include current information or information about this country during the war.

Morse Code was used during the war as a way of sending messages.

Use the Morse Code you've been given to send a secret message to a member of your family to solve.

**Challenge: Can you create your own code?**

A	•••	J	••••	S	•••••
B	••••	K	•••	T	••••
C	•••••	L	•••••	U	••••
D	••••	M	•••	V	•••••
E	••••	N	•••	W	••••
F	•••••	O	••••	X	•••••
G	••••	P	••••	Y	•••••
H	•••••	Q	••••	Z	•••••
I	••••	R	•••		

No party is a party without some decorations and this was the case when people held their celebrations at home.

**Design and create your own party decorations. They may include: bunting, flags, posters etc.**



**Challenge:** include important facts on your poster/bunting.

During the war parachutes were used by paratroopers, some were even accompanied by dogs.

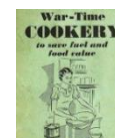
**Design and make your own parachute using materials from around the house. Time how long it takes for your parachute to fall to the floor. You could hold it yourself or even ask an adult to help you drop it from a window.**

**Challenge:** research how parachutes work using the force 'air resistance'.



**Wartime recipes!**

Put your maths measuring skills to the test.



**On the attached document, there are some recipes you could try and make at home with your family.**

**Challenge:** think of your favourite meal – write a recipe card and decorate it for somebody else to enjoy as much as you.

On VE day street parties took place all over the country to celebrate.

**Design a picnic with all of your favourite foods to have at your very own VE Day party.**

**Challenge:** Give yourself a budget of £50 and use supermarket websites to calculate the cost of your picnic.



Who was Winston Churchill? Why do we remember him today? Produce a fact file/ poster displaying your information.

What was his job?

Why was he so important during WW2?

What was one of his famous phrases?

Can you describe his characteristics?

Why he was important?

You could present this information in any way you choose!

Can you practice reading and performing the speech Winston Churchill made on that day?

**Challenge: write your own version of a speech as if you were Winston Churchill at the time and perform it for you family.**



Medals were given by the British Government to those who participated in World War II.

**Design your own medal for a British Soldier to acknowledge their role in the war.**

Think about the shape of the medal and color of the ribbon.

**Challenge:** annotate your medal explaining the decisions you have made and how this reflects the significance of the war.

