VE DAY

As it has been 75 years since VE day, it would be fantastic if you could learn more about VE Day by having a go at some of the activities below. Be creative about how you present your work. Tweet us @fordbridge 2013 to show us what you have learnt.



'Stay At Home' Street Party

Read this article on Newsround and look closely at the photographs.
https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/48201749

How did people celebrate in 1945? Plan your own 'stay at home' street party.

What games could be played? What decorations would be put up? What food would be eaten? Who would be there? Is there anyone in your family who went to a VE Day party you could speak to?

For something more simple, you could design your own **VE Day party invitation** or create your own **Union Jack flag bunting** or make a Union Jack flag out of Lego!

Understanding World War Two/VE Day

On 8th May 1945, Britain celebrated the end of World War Two. To understand why VE Day was so important, you need to understand WW2. Visit these sites to help in your research:

Primary Homework Help - WW2
A Brief Overview of World War II – Video
BBC Teach - VE Day
What Is VE Day?

Can you create a timeline of important events leading up to VE Day?

Wartime Recipes

With one rationed egg and a packet of powdered milk in the larder, World War II's home cooks had to be creative. Find out what families were eating over 75 years ago.

Create some delicious meals using the recipe booklets below. You could serve them at your *'Stay at Home Street Party!'*

Wartime Recipe Booklet
Wartime Ration Recipes
WW2 Cake
Wartime Scones
Jam Tarts



Crack The Codes

A	Alfa	**N**	November
B	Bravo	**O**	Oscar
C	Charlie	**P**	Papa
D	Delta	**Q**	Quebec
E	Echo	**R**	Romeo
F	Foxtrot	**S**	Sierra
G	Golf	**T**	Tango
H	Hotel	**U**	Uniform
I	India	**V**	Victor
J	Juliett	**W**	Whisky
K	Kilo	**X**	X-ray
L	Lima	**Y**	Yankee
M	Mike	**Z**	Zulu

Phonetic Alphabet

The phonetic alphabet that was used in RAF ransmissions during the war. Learn to spell your name using the phonetic alphabet e.g.

Ted = Tango Echo Delta

Morse Code

Morse code is a communication system that represents the alphabet and numbers with a series of dots, dashes or a combination of both as shown here. Watch this video to find out more about Morse Code.

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

VE Day Songs



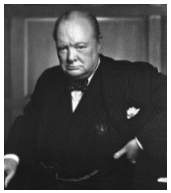
Try and learn the Horrible Histories VE Day song and perform it to your family.

Create your own motivational song. Listen to some of the following clips for inspiration. Click here to listen to some more traditional war time songs as well as the links below.

Wartime song lyrics
Run, rabbit, run!
Long way to Tipperary/ Pack up your troubles
We'll meet again
The White Cliffs of Dover

Learn step-by-step how to Swing dance (The Lindy Hop) which originated in the late 1920s and early 1930s in Harlem, New York City.

Winston Churchill



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

Create a mind map or list of facts about Winston Churchill.

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 can read more about Churchill using these links from Twinkl and Ducksters. You may present this information in any way you choose or use this template.

CHALLENGE: Can you learn Winston Churchill's Victory speech and record yourself presenting it?

Make, Do and Mend



During WW2, there was a shortage of materials to make clothes. People were urged to "Make, do and mend".

Do you have any clothes or accessories that you could 'upcycle' into new clothing or something completely different to give it another purpose and a new lease of life?

Europe during the Second World War

Colour in the countries on the map (here) according to whether they were Allies, Axis, Axis controlled or Neutral.

You could print the map from Twinkl (code UKTWINKLHELPS) or create a list.

NatGeo Kids - WW2 History

Spitfire Science



Design and make your own Spitfire. You could make it out of paper, wood, recycled materials, etc. Test out your design. How far does it glide?

Does the material used for a paper plane affect the distance it travels? Try using newspaper, card, tinfoil, etc and carry out a test. Remember, only change ONE thing to make it a fair test.