

VE Day

What is VE Day?

VE Day - or 'Victory in Europe Day' - marks the day towards the end of World War Two (WW2) when fighting Nazi Germany came to an end.

On 8 May 1945, Prime Minister Winston Churchill made an announcement on the radio at 3pm that the war in Europe had come to an end, following Germany's surrender the day before.



Why is VE day so important this year?

The 8th of May this year commemorates 75 years since the first VE day in 1945.

This is why many celebrations were planned this year.

It is important to remember the sacrifices people made in World War Two.



What can I do to celebrate VE Day?

There is so much you can do at home to celebrate VE day.

Why not start by watching a short video explaining what VE day is about.

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

Then, see the activities on the following pages that you can have a go of at home.



Please send a photograph of your work to your teacher to share on twitter.





Have a tea party

People held street parties when VE day was celebrated. We can't hold street parties at the moment, but you could have a tea party at home. Can you bake some cakes and tasty treats?

Make some bunting

The streets were decorated with flags to celebrate VE day. Can you make some flags or bunting to decorate your home to mark VE day?

Why not get dressed in red, white and blue for the day?



Make a Poppy

The poppy is a symbol that we are all familiar with.

You could paint a poppy, draw a poppy, collage a poppy, make a poppy out of handprints or make a 3D poppy. Be as creative as you can!

More activities on the next page!



Make a newspaper front page from VE Day

Which stories should be included? How could you describe the emotions of the people at the time? How did they celebrate?

The BBC has some great archive on news footage taken from that day to get you inspired.

Watch a Horrible Histories Song

Click on the link to watch a VE day song from Horrible Histories.

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



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