75th anniversary of VE Day – Home Learning Pack

On Monday 7th May 1945, the guns fell silent in Europe, the next day WW2 was declared over in Europe. People from across Europe celebrated in a great fashion, from street parties to dancing in fountains.

Children can select age-appropriate activities below and learn all about such a special time for our country.



Watch the clip on VE day in London and answer the video questions (Page 3)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NEavcsrMoMw&feature= voutu.be

Create a poster about VE Day.

Why should more people know about it?

Make it really colourful!

The Dan Snow VE Creative Competition.

Think about how you would tell the story of VE Day today.

Make your own bunting!

You can use these templates or make your own! https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/4TrgYDyf4PMdLy pxzyTwGDg/great-british-bunting

Bake a genuine 1940s Wartime VE Day recipe!

Learn a wartime dance! Be creative you could even make a video!

https://www.english-

heritage.org.uk/siteassets/hom e/visit/ve-day-75/eh-ve-day-athome-pack.pdf

Join in the Nationwide singalong of Vera Lynn's 'We'll Meet Again' at 9pm on 8 May. Watch Historian Dan Snow's live lessons at 4pm on Monday, Wednesday and Friday about VE day.

Watch the BBC at 3pm to hear Winston Churchill's Victory Speech on 8 May.

Create a VE Day party menu!

Have a VE Day celebration in your garden with your household! Maybe arrange one to have in your front garden so that you can wave at your neighbours!

Watch the BBC at 9pm to hear the Queen's Speech on 8 May.

VE Day Research

Use the internet to find the answers to the following. Check with a grown-up first!

- 1. When did WW2 begin?
- 2. What does VE stand for?



- 3. VE signalled the end of war in Europe ONLY. What happened next outside of Europe?
- 4. What key events were shaped by the end of WW2?
- 5. Why was it important the Princess Elizabeth joined the Armed Services during the War?
- 6. Why did the Queen say that she was glad that Buckingham Palace had been bombed?
- 7. Churchill thanked the nation on VE day, stating that the victory belonged to 'The Great English nation as a whole.' Is this TRUE or FALSE?
- 8. How did British people at home help the war effort?

VE Day Video Response Quiz:

Watch the video here then find the answers. Maybe test your household once you have finished!

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