

Class 2 VE Day Activities

VE day is Victory in Europe Day, although it was not the end of the Second World War, it marks the end of the fighting in Europe. Friday 8th May 2020 commemorates 75 years since VE day in 1945. Now, more than ever, is an important time to look back at life in the Second World War and think about what we can learn from our history. Below are a selection of activities to help you understand more about VE Day and life in the 1940s. You can do them in any order. We hope you will find them informative and fun, and don't forget to keep us informed of what you have been up to on our twitter page [@hydeprimarysch](#)

Activity	Links/Resources
<p>Find out more about VE Day.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newsround is great for finding out about VE Day • The Imperial War Museum has lots of great information about VE Day and plenty of images to look at and discuss. (this is best read/viewed with an adult as its not written specifically for children). • There is also a PowerPoint in the zipped file with basic information on. 	<p>PowerPoint in zipped file</p> <p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/48201749</p> <p>https://www.iwm.org.uk/history/what-you-need-to-know-about-ve-day</p> <p>https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/history/world-war-ii/ve-day/</p>
<p>1940s house comparison</p> <p>Use the link to learn about a house in the 1940s. There are videos of all of the different rooms and what they were used for. Think about what your house is like now and all of the similarities and differences in each of the rooms. Create a grid, poster or chart explaining all of the differences between each room in the house in the 1940s and now.</p> <p>Extension: Why not make a video explaining the rooms in your own house. Children in 75 years time might be interested in what life was like during Lockdown, can you explain what each room is used for?</p>	<p>https://www.iwm.org.uk/learning/resources/the-1940s-house</p>
<p>The War is Ending Comprehension</p> <p>Read the newspaper article about the end of the war and answer the questions. Year 3 may need adult support with reading and answer questions. If you don't have access to a printer then feel free to read online then discuss the answers or write them on paper, in full sentences.</p>	<p>The war is ending comprehension (zip file)</p>
<p>Newspaper Article</p> <p>Use the template to write your own newspaper article about VE Day. Think about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key facts and figures • An eye-catching headline • Think about how to 'hook' your reader in and make the story interesting so they keep reading • Don't forget your basic sentence structure • Can you use adjectives and adverbs to add extra detail? 	<p>Newspaper planning sheet (zip file)</p> <p>Newspaper writing template</p>

<p>VE Day Diary Entry Imagine you were a back in 1945 and the end of the war was announced. Write a diary entry to say how you were feeling. You may have been evacuated and are finally allowed to go home to see your family. Think about how you would have been feeling and what you would be excited about now the war is over.</p> <p>Daily Diary: Why not write your own daily diary about what you are doing each day in Lockdown. Diaries are a very important source of information about the past, so future generations could use your diary to learn about Lockdown.</p>	<p>Template in zip file if needed</p>
<p>Design a medal When the service men and women from the army, navy and air force returned home, they were given medals to show how grateful the nation were that they had fought for the country. The NHS and Key Workers are showing great bravery working for our country at the moment. Design a medal for them to thank them for their bravery and hard work during this difficult time. Use the template or draw your own. Think about the symbols and colours you could use and how they represent what's happening at the moment.</p>	<p>VE Day Powerpoint (zip file) Design a medal worksheet.</p>
<p>Thought bubbles Once you have learnt some information about VE day think about the questions below and discuss them with an older sibling or adult</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is remembered on VE Day? • Why do you think it is important to celebrate and recognise VE Day? • How do you think VE Day should be celebrated? 	<p>VE Day Discussion activity</p>
<p>Tea Party VE Day was celebrated all over the country with street parties, decorated with bunting and flags. Why not plan your own celebration for VE Day in your house with a tea party? Decorate the room with homemade flags and bunting, get your family together (and even your teddies) and spend some time thinking about what you are thankful for at the moment.</p> <p>Ration Recipes: During WW2 the country had to deal with the rationing of food. That is not happening at the moment but you may have had times recently when you couldn't get exactly what you wanted at the Supermarket. Why not have a go at making some of the rationing recipes for your VE Day celebration</p>	<p>Bunting and flag templates (zip file)</p> <p>Wartime recipe booklet</p>

Interested in learning more about History?

- Each Wednesday at 2pm **The Imperial War museum** shows a video for home learners (on a range of subjects). Don't worry if you miss it, the previous videos are all on the website too. <https://www.iwm.org.uk/learning>
- **Horrible Histories** can be found on iplayer and Netflix, plus the Cbbc website has Horrible Histories games, quizzes and clips too. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/shows/horrible-histories>
- **BBC Bitesize History** <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zcw76sg>
- **DK Findout** is a great online Encyclopedia with lots of information about all subjects, including History <https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/>

Lots of museums are now offering '**virtual tours**' which are a great opportunity to see inside a museum and learn more about history. Here are a few of my favourites:

- **The Smithsonian Natural History Museum** in America. There's a great dinosaur exhibition and you can move all around the museum. <https://naturalhistory2.si.edu/vt3/NMNH/>
- **The Natural History Museum** has lots of 'try at home activities' <https://www.nhm.ac.uk/take-part/try-this-at-home.html> blue and a virtual venture into the life of the blue whale whale: <https://www.nhm.ac.uk/bluewhale/>
- **The British Museum** has a great resource where you can view all of the exhibits and listen to audio, look at images and even find where they came from on Google maps <https://britishmuseum.withgoogle.com/>
- **Royal Residences:** You can even tour Windsor Castle <https://www.royal.uk/virtual-tours-windsor-castle> and Buckingham Palace <https://www.royal.uk/virtual-tours-buckingham-palace>
- **Stonehenge** Click on the pulsing icons on the video to dive deeper into the mystery and learn all about this marvel of human (or alien?) creation. [Stonehenge tour](#)
- **Roman Baths:** Take a dip into the Roman times with this walkthrough of the Roman baths in Bath. Their virtual tour really makes you feel like you're there, as you walk through the entrance and by-pass the ticket office – straight into the centre of the site. <https://www.romanbaths.co.uk/walkthrough>
- **Ancient Rome:** A virtual video tour involving computer generation of what Ancient Rome would have looked like at the time https://www.il-colosseo.it/en/visita_virtuale_roma_antica.php