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VE day 1945 - London

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6AC2vzAA5N8>

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Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May is VE day.

What does 'VE' stand for?

What does it celebrate?



- ❑ On May 8<sup>th</sup> in the year that WWII ended the Germans surrendered to the Allies.
- ❑ They agreed that they had lost the war and that the fighting should stop.
- ❑ Millions of people had died in WWII so everyone was really happy that the fighting was over.



- ▣ Many people found out about it because the church bells started ringing.
- ▣ Why would church bells spread the news?





- ▣ Lots of people came out onto the street dressed in red, white and blue. – Why these colours?
- ▣ They held parties in the street to celebrate with everyone that the war was over.



- Because of rationing there wasn't lots of food for sale so everyone coming to the party had to bring something.



- ▣ The King and Queen waved to everyone from the balcony of Buckingham palace.
- ▣ Our current Queen and her sister went out and joined the party in the street! No-one knew who they were!



- ▣ Winston Churchill went on the radio and told everyone about Germany surrendering. At the end of his speech he said

“This is your victory... Advance Britannia”.





- Everyone stayed up and there were bonfires and fireworks to celebrate.



## VE and VJ Day Celebrations in London (1945)

- ▣ <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gtzrA2VfV7E>

# Postcard task

- ▣ We're going to write a 'Postcard from the Past'
- ▣ Imagine you were at the first VE day and heard the news that the war had ended.
- ▣ What might you tell your family about what you heard? What you did? What you ate?
- ▣ Draw a picture on the reverse showing what happened.