

## Class 7 Home Learning wc 4.5.20

Hi Class 7

On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May the whole country will be celebrating the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE (Victory in Europe Day). VE day is the day on which we celebrate the surrender of Germany and the end of the war in Germany.

Most of the activities of my activities for this week will be relating to VE day.

I will also upload some arithmetic tests for children to complete.

Please upload some of your activities to Class Dojo so I can see what you have been doing. Thank you

There are still a few children who have not completed the Spag tests A and B I have put on the website and keep an eye out because I will be putting some more up there.

- Make sure you are still using Times Table Rock Stars regularly and competing in any Team Battles!
- Also don't forget to use Lexia to improve your spelling.  
I will continue to download your Lexia and Times tables certificates to your Class Dojo portfolio
- Whiterose maths has some very good lessons for children to complete with a video showing how to complete activities.  
<https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/>
- BBC Bitesize has some excellent activities for you to work through. BBC link. They are even doing daily activities on the television.
- Carol Vorderman is giving free maths lessons on this website. The Maths Factor
- NRICH is full of maths games and activities that you can work on at home.

**Remember to keep writing in your diary.**



VE ( Victory in Europe Day) is one of the greatest days in British history. I hope you enjoy celebrating with your family.



### A taste of war time?

- Try making a war time recipe such as a cake or some lemonade
- Which kitchen utensils do we have now that wouldn't have existed in 1945? For an extra challenge try to make your recipes using 1945 methods!
- Find out which foods were rationed and plan a party menu fit for VE Day
- You could try a taste test to explore the differences between foods in 1945 and 2020



- Learn some popular 1940s songs
- Practise 1940s dance moves such as the Lindy Hop

You could upload a video of you and your family singing 'We'll meet again'  
Don't be shy

## What is VE Day

Do some research and write a report (those could be written or typed) to explain What VE day is and why it is important to still remember it.

## Diary entry.

Write a diary entry dated 8<sup>th</sup> May 1945 about hearing of Germany's surrender and the end of the war in Europe.

Describe how you and your family are feeling. You might be happy s your father will be coming home from the war. Describe what you mum and brothers and sisters are doing. Describe the celebrations that are happening in the streets.

Don't forget Japan had still not surrendered by this time so the War was not totally finished.

## Peace Display

Create your own peace display to remind people to be kind to each other.

(Upoad it to your portfolio on ClassDojo)

## War time Recipes

You could make some cakes or some lemonade at home. Don't forget because of rationing cakes were often made for vegetables

Some website addresses to help you with VE Day reseach

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

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/48201749>

<https://ve-vjday75.gov.uk/plan-your-ve-day-party/>

<https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/remembrance/teaching-remembrance>

## VE Day Comprehension

# VE Day

### What is VE Day?

VE Day stands for Victory in Europe Day, and is celebrated on the 8th May. It marked an end to the six years of suffering, misery but also endurance that defined the Second World War in Europe. Although it was not the end of the Second World War, it was the end of conflict in Europe.

### How did it happen?

Hitler was the dictator of Germany, who had instigated the Second World War. After Hitler's death on 30th April 1945, the German President of the Third Reich, Grand Admiral Donitz, ordered that General Jodl go to the American General Eisenhower's Head Quarters based in France and surrender to the Western and Russian officers, agreeing to all their demands, on the 7th May.

### The Announcement

The British people began celebrating as soon as they heard the news, although no official announcement had been made. Bell ringers in the churches around the country, were put on standby ready to ring out the good news when an official notice was given.

Joseph Stalin, the leader of the Russian's Communist Party, was reluctant to announce the surrender but the British Prime Minister, Winston Churchill, did not want to give Stalin the satisfaction of holding up what everyone already knew anyway! Churchill made the following announcement at 19.40, 7th May:



**"In accordance with arrangements between three great powers, tomorrow, Tuesday, will be treated as Victory in Europe Day and will be regarded as a holiday."**



### The Effects of War

In Britain, during the war in Europe, half a million homes were destroyed, thousands of civilians killed and millions of lives had been disrupted.



### Bring on the Celebrations!

People took to decorating the streets with banners, bunting and ribbons. They organised impromptu street parties where neighbours shared food, which was still rationed, and listened to the wireless news broadcasts.

King George VI and the Queen appeared eight times on the balcony of Buckingham Palace, and their two daughters, Princess Margaret and Princess Elizabeth – who is now Her Majesty the Queen – mingled amongst the crowds! Churchill told the crowds, "This is your victory!"

Churchill attended a celebratory lunch with King George VI then addressed the nation, reminding them that although Japan still

had to be defeated, Great Britain "May allow ourselves a brief period of rejoicing. God Save the King!"

### The End of the VE Day

At 21:00, King George VI made a final broadcast to the nation. Buckingham Palace was lit up in floodlights for the first time since the start of the war, and two searchlights formed a V, the sign of peace, above St Paul's Cathedral in London.

All the illuminations were turned off the next day.



Although everyone was relieved that the war in Europe had ended, for many the celebrations would have been bittersweet. The loss of many loved ones, either fighting abroad, captured by the enemy or those who died in air raids, meant that many people felt a certain anti-climax after the celebrations.

## Questions

1. Which negative words have been used to describe some of the effects of the fighting in Europe?

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2. What prompted the German surrender, and why do you think this was?

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3. Explain what it means when it says the bell ringers were "put on stand-by".

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4. What were some of the lasting effects on Britain, from the war?

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5. Explain how Stalin affected Churchill.

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6. What word has been used that means 'unplanned', and how does it relate to the sentence it is used in?

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7. Explain what the paragraph in italics is about.

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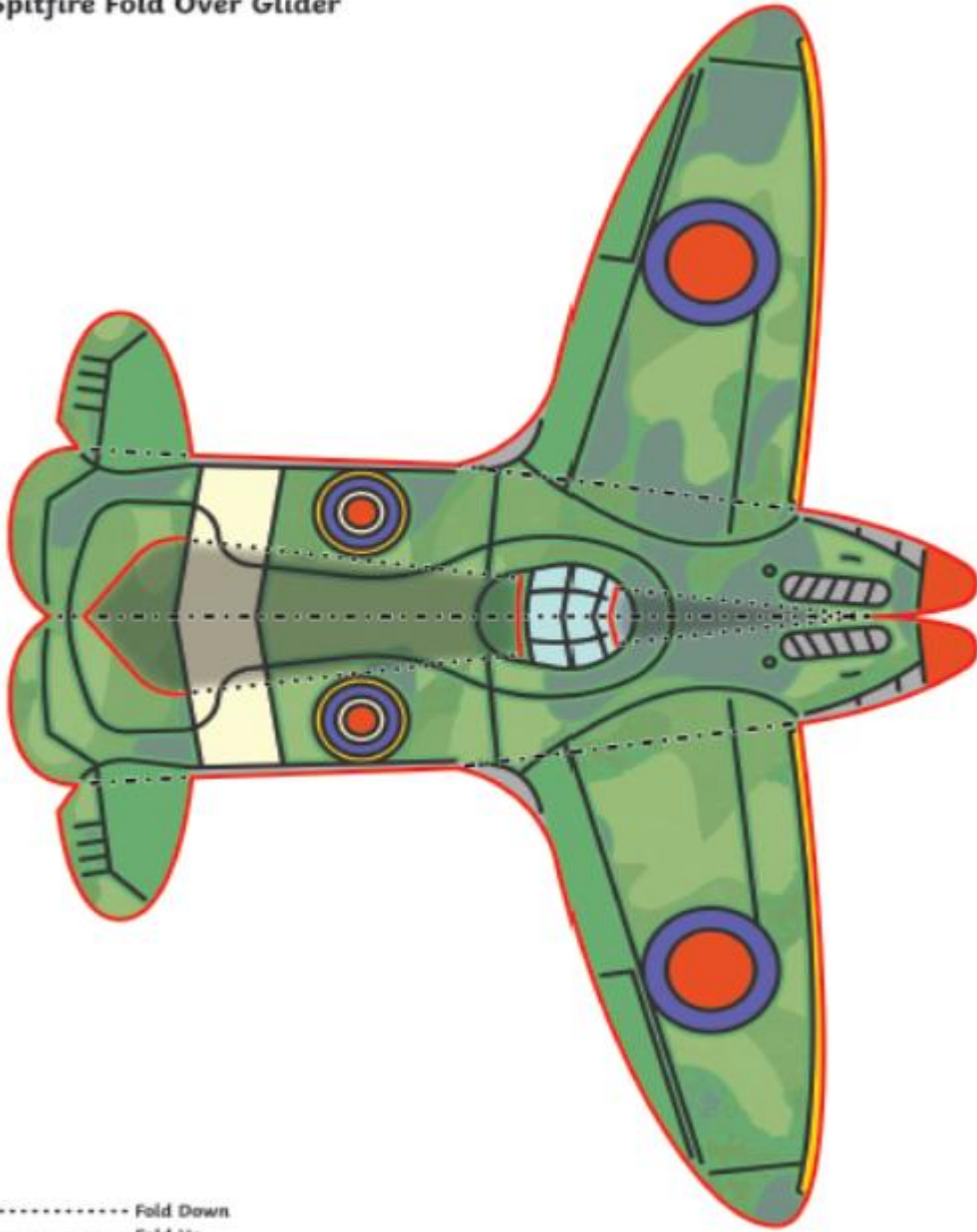
8. Why do you think it unusual that the princesses 'mingled with the crowd'?

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# Make your own Spitfire

## Spitfire Fold Over Glider



## Design a VE Day party

Plan a VE party for your street. You will need to do some research into rations.



VE Day 75th Anniversary Celebrations

# STAY AT HOME STREET PARTY!

Friday 8th May 2020

DECORATE YOUR HOUSE RED, WHITE  
AND BLUE AND ENJOY A PICNIC  
IN YOUR FRONT GARDEN

*Commemorate the end of WW2 by celebrating with your family,  
friends and neighbours!*



STAY  
HOME



