

VE Day

When Victory in England Day dawns on 8th May 2020, it will be 75 years since the guns fell silent at the end of the war in Europe. Years of carnage and destruction had come to an end and millions of people took to the streets and pubs to celebrate peace, mourn their loved – ones and to hope for the future.

The 75th anniversary will provide our nation, and our friends around the world, with an opportunity to reflect on the enormous sacrifice, courage and determination of people from all walks of life who saw us through this dark and terrifying period.



This short film explains what VE Day and VJ Day were, and the events that led to the end of the war.

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

To commemorate this special day at home, we would like you to;

- Throw a VE day 'stay at home' tea party – You will need lots of union jacks to wave!
- Draw and colour a Union Jack flag correctly. This video will help you;
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vWEspSdCuew>
There is also 'Union Jack Bunting' to download.
- Write a diary entry as a person who attended a VE day street party. What was the reason for the party? What did they eat? Who was there? What music was playing?
- Paper craft – Download, colour and fold the template of a WW2 spitfire glider plane. Research what is a spitfire? Can you label a diagram of a spitfire glider.

Mrs Dutton's Grandpa flew one of these during the Second World War so she would love to see your work on this!