



VE Day 75th Year Anniversary

'Stay At Home' Street Party

Plan your own 'stay at home' street party.



- Decorate your house in red, white and blue
- Enjoy an indoor picnic or a picnic in your garden.
- Create your own Union Jack flagbunting.
- Design your own VE party invitations.
- Play some games.
- **&** Eat party food.

Understanding World War Two/VE Day



Read this article on <u>Newsround</u> and look closely at the photographs. How did people celebrate in 1945?

Visit these sites to research about WW2:

<u>Primary Homework Help - WW2</u>

<u>A Brief Overview of World War II</u> – Video

<u>BBC Teach - VE Day</u>

<u>What Is VE Day?</u>

<u>National Geographic Kids</u>

Who is Winston Churchill?
Winston Churchill's victory speech
Present your information in any way you
wish – a timeline, a poster, a video,
write a letter to the veterans etc.

Wartime Recipes

With one rationed egg and a packet of powdered milk in the larder, World War II's home cooks had to be creative. Find out what families were eating over 75 uears ago.



Create some delicious meals/ treats using the recipe booklets below. You could serve them at your 'Stay at Home Street Party!'

Wartime Recipe Booklet
Wartime Ration Recipes
WW2 Cake
Wartime Scones
Jam Tarts

Make, Do and Mend



During WW2, there was a shortage of materials to make clothes. People were urged to "Make, do and mend".

Do you have any clothes or accessories that you could 'upcycle' into new clothing or something completely different to give it another purpose and a new lease of life?

A Day of Celebrations

11am - 2 minutes silence on your doorstep.

3pm - Churchill speech shown on BBC.



Then grab your picnic blankets or garden table and head to your front garden for: **4pm** – Tea and scones (or coffee and cake).

6pm – Dinner and wave hello to your neighbours (following social distancing rules).

9pm – National sing-a-long to 'We'll meet again' with Royal British Legion after the Queen's address.

Spitfire Science

Design and make your own Spitfire. You could make it out of paper, wood, recycled materials, etc. Test out your design. How far does it glide?

Does the material used for a paper plane affect the distance it travels?

Try using newspaper, card, tinfoil, etc and carry out a test. Remember, only change ONE thing to make it a fair test.



Crack The Codes

Phonetic November **Alphabet** Bravo Oscar used in RAF Charlie Delta Echo Papa Quebec transmissions Romeo Foxtrot Sierra during the Golf Hotel Tango Uniform war. Learn to India Victor spell your Whisky X-ray Yankee name using the phonetic alphabet e.g.

Ted = Tango Echo Delta

Morse Code: a communication system that represents the alphabet and numbers with a series of dots, dashes or a combination of both as shown here. Watch this video to find out more about Morse Code.

Can you write a secret coded message for your family to crack?

<u>Let's have fun!</u>

During WW2, children played many different games, both in groups and individually. Have fun playing some games together.

Indoor: scrabble, jigsaws, chess, marbles etc.

Outdoor: hopscotch, catch, skipping etc.

Or can you make your own game?



VE Day Songs

Learn one of the following wartime songs and perform them to your family:

Wartime song lyrics,
Run, rabbit, run!

Long way to Tipperary/ Pack up your

troubles We'll meet again The White Cliffs of Dover

<u>Horrible Histories VE Day song</u> <u>Traditional War Time Songs</u>



You may even want to create your own motivational song using some of the above clips for inspiration.

Or perhaps learn <u>step-by-step</u> how to Swing dance (The Lindy Hop) which originated in the late 1920s and early 1930s in Harlem, New York City.

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