



The May Bank Holiday this year has been moved to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May as it is the exact 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day. Below are a variety of tasks to choose from to commemorate VE Day with your family from home.

You can do just one of the tasks to fill your 60 minute lesson. However, you are welcome to do as many of them as you like if you really want to get into the spirit of commemorating this important day.

Your teacher and Mrs Lopes would love to see some of your creative efforts so please do email them with what you create.

#### Task 1:

Plan a VE Day party – street parties were common to celebrate the end of the war so you could plan what dishes you would take to the party had you been there in 1945. You could plan a party to have at home – The History Department are planning on having a VE Day party over social media so you could do the same with your friends or family!

Remember, food was rationed so no big chocolate cakes!

There are some great ideas for food here <https://ve-viday75.gov.uk/plan-your-ve-day-party/> with recipes as well should you want to have a go at making them.

Another website with some great recipes is <https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/siteassets/home/visit/ve-day-75/eh-ve-day-at-home-pack.pdf>

These websites also include ideas for music you could play at your VE Day party as well as the steps to a popular dance of the time – Mr Wiggins would love to see some of you learning the lindy hop!



#### Task 2:

Create a display for peace – what symbolises peace to you? How can we encourage people to be kind to each other? This display could include posters, you could make a video, write a song – there are loads of options!

### Task 3:

Write a letter of thanks explaining why you are thankful to those who lived during the Second World War – remember that this shouldn't just be the soldiers, but the women who worked in munitions factories, the spies who made operations possible, engineers, the politicians who plotted the country's moves, the children who were separated from their families, the medical staff at home and abroad, the people who were key workers who were committed to their essential roles and many more.

### Task 4:

Perhaps you know someone who lived through the war. If you do, you could call them or use Skype to interview them about their experience, both of the war, and of VE Day itself. Remember to write the questions you want to ask them before you contact them and make sure they are happy to talk about their experiences to you. You could ask them:

- What their experience of the war and VE Day was
- How they felt once they knew the war was over
- Who celebrated with them and was anyone missing and why?
- What is the one thing they remember most clearly about the day?

### Task 5:

Create some bunting to celebrate VE Day – bunting was commonly used to signal a celebration. You could make this out of anything you have at home – paper, cardboard from cereal boxes, material if you are particularly crafty. You could put lots of different designs on it – the 'V' for victory, the year 1945, the number 75, the Union Flag, or any other number of wonderful things which I am sure you can come up with. If you can't make the bunting, you can design it in your exercise book and explain the significance of your design.

This link will give you some advice and maybe some ideas!

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/4TrqYDyf4PMdLypxzyTwGDg/great-british-bunting>

