The 75th Anniversary of VE Day 2020 will be held on Friday 8th May.



VE Day - or 'Victory in Europe Day' - marks the day towards the end of World War Two when fighting against Nazi Germany in Europe came to an end.



On the 8th May 1945, Prime Minister Winston Churchill made an announcement on the radio at 3pm that the war in Europe had come to an end, following Germany's surrender the day before. Listen out for clapping and music at 3pm to pay tribute to the brave veterans of WW2.



This year, traditional celebrations and events will have to be postponed, but this special day can still be commemorated across those victorious nations, from the safety of our homes. Maybe you could create an afternoon party tea with your family with whatever you have at home? For example it could be as simple as a pot of tea and some jam sandwiches!



Our Queen is going to address the nation at 9pm, the exact time that her father, George VI gave a radio address, 75 years ago. There is also going to be a nationwide singalong to Vera Lynn's, 'We'll Meet Again'. This might be past your bedtime but you can find the lyrics and a clip of Vera Lynn singing her iconic song through the link below. Why don't you sing it with your family? Could you film yourselves singing it to put onto our website?!

https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/stories/ve-day-singalong



The link below - BBC KS2 History - has a video clip explaining a little bit more about VE Day.

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



The following link - BBC Make a Difference - has some extra information and ideas for ways in which you could mark the day, including Bunting templates. Can you design your own Bunting to decorate your house / garden and commemorate the day?

<u>https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/3yrtgmkfHBbsXfQfYkJp7CF/mak</u> <u>e-a-difference</u>



<u>English link</u> - read one of the books set in WW2, such as Goodnight Mr. Tom, Carrie's War, The Diary of Anne Frank or The Machine Gunners. You might have copies at home or some of them are available to listen to through the link below.

https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/english-ks1--ks2--ks3-index/zf34gwx



<u>Design your own VE Day teacup that might be used at a celebration. Make</u> <u>it bright and cheerful! Could you include flags / important buildings /</u> <u>people? Template below.</u>



Finally, have a go at the VE Day Wordsearch, below, and have a lovely, safe and enjoyable day with your family.



