



**Year 6**

**Home Learning Pack: 4**

**Subject: Topic**

## Topic Day 1 – VE Day



### **This year it is the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day!**

On 8 May 1945, Prime Minister Winston Churchill made an announcement on the radio at 3pm that the fighting against Germany in Europe had come to an end, following Germany's surrender the day before. By the beginning of 1945, the German army had been weakened and defeat looked likely. Tuesday 8 May, 1945, was an emotional day that millions of people had been waiting for. Many people were extremely happy that the fighting had stopped and there were big celebrations and street parties.

Huge crowds - with lots of people dressed in red, white and blue - gathered outside Buckingham Palace in London. They cheered as King George VI and his family, including Princess Elizabeth (the current queen) and Princess Margaret, came out onto the balcony to greet everybody.

Princess Elizabeth and her sister were allowed to leave the palace and celebrate with crowds outside, although they had to do it secretly. The future Queen described it as "one of the most memorable nights of my life". Many people also attended church services to thank God for the victory.

**Bronze activity 1**

What is remembered on VE Day?

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Why do you think it is important to celebrate and recognise VE Day?

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How do you think VE Day should be celebrated?

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### **BRONZE ACTIVITY**

1. Answer the three questions labelled 'bronze activity 1'

### **SILVER ACTIVITES**

1. Answer the three questions labelled 'bronze activity 1'
2. Use the 3 questions on 'bronze activity 1' and the information above to write your own paragraph explaining what VE Day is.

### **GOLD ACTIVITIES**

1. Answer the three questions labelled 'bronze and silver activity 1'
2. Use the 3 questions on 'bronze activity 1' and the information above to write your own paragraph explain what VE Day is.
3. Create a mini fact-file about Winston Churchill. Use these questions to help: When and where was he born? What year did he become Prime Minister and how long for? What year did he die?

## Topic Day 2 – VE Day poster/leaflet

### BRONZE ACTIVITY

1. Design and draw your very own 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary VE day poster. Use the examples below for help.

### SILVER ACTIVITES

1. Design and draw your very own 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary VE day poster. Use the examples below for help.

### GOLD ACTIVITIES

1. Design and draw your very own 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary VE day poster. Use the examples below for help.
2. Create a leaflet that could be handed out this week to explain to people what VE Day is and why it is celebrated.



### Topic Day 3 – Morse code

Morse code is a way to send messages without using words. The code has its own alphabet made up of short and long sounds or flashes of light. During WWII, Morse Code was utilized between warships and naval bases, because radio frequency was limited and also easily identifiable by military enemies.

A ● -	J ● - - -	S ● ● ●
B - ● ● ●	K - ● -	T -
C - ● - ●	L ● - ● ●	U ● ● -
D - ● ●	M - -	V ● ● ● -
E ●	N - ●	W ● - -
F ● ● - ●	O - - -	X - ● ● -
G - - ●	P ● - - ●	Y - ● - -
H ● ● ● ●	Q - - ● -	Z - - ● ●
I ● ●	R ● - ●	

**Use this Morse code alphabet to help you!**

Bronze activity

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Silver activity

3	• -   • - • •   - • • •   •   • - •   -	
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Use the Morse code alphabet to write this sentence in code.

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Y   E   A   R   S   O   L   D

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## **Gold activity**

First write a message in morse code.

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Then, use a torch or any other light to share a message with a family member. Remember, each dot is a short sound or flick of light and each dash is a longer sound or pulse of light.



### **BRONZE ACTIVITY**

1. Crack the two codes.

### **SILVER ACTIVITES**

1. Crack the two codes.
2. Crack the third code and write the message in Morse Code.

### **GOLD ACTIVITIES**

1. Crack the two codes.
2. Crack the third code and write the message in Morse Code.
3. Write your own message and share it with a family member using a torch or light.

# Design a VE Day Medal

This medal celebrated the end of the First World War and was given to soldiers who had fought in active theatres of the war. It was a symbol of **great pride** but its design was also highly **symbolic**.



Bronze medal, not too expensive after the war, but long lasting.



**Your task is to create a medal for British soldiers who served in the Second World War that is just as symbolic and creative.**

Your medal can be any shape or size but you must have considered the metal and ribbon choices.

You must include:

- The years of the war (1939-45)
- The colours of the Allies
- A symbol to signify the war and the soldier's sacrifice and victory
- A reference to the many theatres of the fighting (Europe, Africa, Asia, Air, Sea, Land)
- Annotations to explain your choices

### **BRONZE ACTIVITY**

1. Use the task sheet above to design and draw your own VE Day medal.

### **SILVER ACTIVITIES**

1. Use the task sheet above to design and draw your own VE Day medal.
2. Using resources/materials around the house create your medal.

### **GOLD ACTIVITIES**

1. Use the task sheet above to design and draw your own VE Day medal.
2. Using resources/materials around the house can create your medal.
3. Once you have designed your medal, make sure you clearly annotate each parts of your design. E.g. what do the colours, pictures, logos represent?