



When VE Day dawns on 8th May 2020 it will be 75 years since the guns fell silent at the end of the Second World 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, but not forgetting those still in conflict until 15th August when it was announced that Japan had surrendered unconditionally to the Allies, effectively ending World War II.

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. It will be an opportunity for us all to remember the enormous sacrifices that were made at home and abroad and to joyously celebrate (from inside our homes) as people did 75 years ago, the arrival of peace in Europe.

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>

Due to the coronavirus restrictions most VE Day 75 events and street parties have had to be cancelled or postponed but we still want you to be able to mark the occasion, share your pride in our country and honour the men and women of WW2.

Activity 1

You can make your own special VE Day 75 'Great British Bunting' to display in your window at home.



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/4TrqYDyf4PMdLypxzyTwGDq/great-british-bunting>

Here are all the instructions you need to get started using any paper, cereal boxes, string, ribbon, sweet wrappers, felt pens, poster paint you have or whatever you can find. You can decorate your bunting with pictures of whatever inspires you, whether it's those who fought on the frontline or worked hard on the Homefront, or whether it's a celebration of enduring peace or your own personal hero.

Hang your bunting with pride over the weekend of Friday 8 May - Sunday 10 May and make sure you share your pictures with us and on social media using the hashtags #GreatBritishBunting, #VEDay75 and #BBCMakeaDifference.

Activity 2

Stay at home street party!

Decorate your house Red, White and Blue and enjoy a picnic in your front (or back) garden.

Research some British war time snacks you could make together, e.g, Scones, Victoria sponge, fruit crumble, cucumber sandwiches, spam hash, bubble and squeak or bread pudding!

This website shows you the rations a family would get and a few recipes. Why not try one of these or create your own snack from your rations!

<http://home.bt.com/lifestyle/eating-for-victory-try-these-real-wartime-ration-recipes-for-ve-day-11363980000968>



Activity 3

Design and make a VE Day medal for a Hero!

The medal below was given to soldiers who had fought in World War One. It was a symbol of great pride but its design was highly symbolic.



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

Your task is to create a medal for British soldiers, like Captain Tom Moore, who served in World War II that is just as symbolic and creative.

You could also design a medal for our NHS or key workers and give it to someone you think deserves it!

Activity 4

Captain Tom Moore (99 years old) recently completed 100 laps of his garden to raise money for the National Health Service Charities. Captain Moore, a soldier during World War II, wanted to raise £1000 for the charities however, at the time of me writing this he had raised over £20 million! What a tremendous effort! Well done and thank you Captain Tom.

Pick an activity about Captain Tom...

Biography	Read all about it!	Get your posh voice on!
<p>Research and write a biography on Captain Tom's life.</p> <p>Be creative with your presentation.</p>	<p>Create a newspaper front page about Captain Tom's walk for the NHS.</p> <p>Don't forget all the features of a newspaper.</p>	<p>Record a video thanking Captain Tom for his walk for the NHS.</p> <p>Remember to include your first name and where in the country you are.</p> <p>With your adults permission, post the video on twitter with @CHJS @captaintommoore @nhs</p>
10 Questions	A work of Art	Charity Thinking Cap
<p>Imagine you are lucky enough to meet Captain Tom Moore.</p> <p>Think of 10 questions you would like to ask him. Think about all the different aspects of his life.</p>	<p>Create a portrait of Captain Tom.</p> <p>You can present this using any media you like, be creative. You may wish to do it in the style of a famous artist.</p>	<p>Think of ways that you could raise money raise money and create a mind map of all your ideas.</p> <p>Create a second mind map of the charities you would support and explain why.</p>