



# VE DAY

## 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

### REMEMBER

- To commemorate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day, design a commemorative tea towel about the end of WWII in Europe.
- Children could also design a commemorative coin, plate or stamp.
- The Spitfire was a sign of **victory**. Using recycled materials from around the home, make a model of this plane. [The RAF Museum website](#) may help.
- Learn about **courage** by listening to this abridged version of [The Lion and the Unicorn](#).
- Why is VE Day so important? Children could use websites and books to research or speak to older relatives.
- Children can write a newspaper report recounting the events from **8<sup>th</sup> May 1945**.

### HEROES & HEROINES

- Countless men, women and even animals showed acts of **heroism** during WWII. Starting with **animals**, children could look at the PDSA Dickin medal and design their own version of this award.
- Colonel Tom Moore** is a former British Army officer who has raised millions for the NHS. Why not create a family photo saluting him or children could write him a letter, thanking him for all he has done for his country.
- Create a fact file about the man who helped to break the German Enigma code, **Alan Turing** or **Mavis Batey**, one of the leading female codebreakers at Bletchley Park.
- Children could listen to and recreate their own version of **Winston Churchill's** VE Day speech.
- Irena Sendler**, a Polish social worker saved 2,500 Jewish children during WWII. After researching her life, children can write a diary entry based on a day in her life.
- Havildar Lachhiman Gurung** won the Victoria Cross while serving with the Gurkha Rifles in Burma in 1945. Ask your child to write a biography about this courageous man.

### INSPIRATION

- Throughout WWII, many men and women displayed heroic acts and still **inspire** us today. Children may want to design a bravery medal for an inspirational individual.
- Why did St Paul's Cathedral become an inspiration to the British during WWII? Research and then draw a detailed sketch of this remarkable building.
- Children can write an acrostic poem using the letters **VE DAY** as a writing frame.
- Using the Morse code alphabet, children could have fun writing messages of **gratitude** to WWII heroes and heroines.
- Learn how to make a sling or put somebody in the recovery position (an important skill to have during the war).

### THEN AND NOW

- Ask your child to imagine that they're being evacuated. What would they pack? Draw and label essential items and then design a luggage label.
- Your child could write a postcard to a family member about VE Day anniversary celebrations today, or imagining that they are celebrating VE Day in 1945.
- Find out what happened in the **local area** on VE Day. How will this be different today? Why?
- What does **peace** look like? Task your child with creating a poster illustrating their ideas for peace.
- Comparing war time to what we are experiencing now (pandemic), are there any similarities and differences? Your child could present their findings in a table.

### LET'S CELEBRATE

- Wear **red, white and blue** to mark this special occasion.
- Create VE Day **bunting** and display this in your window or garden.
- Learn the popular WWII **song** 'White Cliffs of Dover' and perform this as a family. Or, listen and **dance** to 1940s music.
- Children may wish to plan a VE Day anniversary celebration **party**. This could include wartime recipes and is an opportunity to discuss rationing.
- Princess Elizabeth (then) and Princess Margaret secretly joined in with the VE Day celebrations in 1945. Write a story about her experience.
- Sit down and watch the **Queen's special televised address** to the nation on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

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