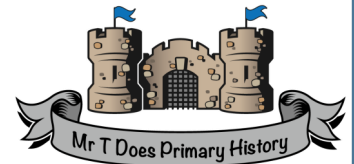


75th Anniversary of VE Day



Don't forget to watch the video lesson first; it provides a quick explanation of what VE Day is and provides some age-appropriate background information about key dates and events during the war. The activities below can be done with the video or separately.

There are **separate** videos for Key Stage 1 and for Key Stage 2.

What is VE Day?

This marks the day that the Second World War ended in Europe. It happened when Germany (sometimes known as the Nazis) surrendered. It was not the end of the war completely though as it continued in the Pacific against Japan. The war officially ended there in September when their surrender was signed.

It marked the end of 6 years of war. It included countries from around the world and fighting took place on nearly every continent.

When did it happen in history?

Beyond Living Memory

Living Memory

VE Day is here on our timeline.

The end of our timeline is today.

You can see a simple timeline above. The Second World War is near the end of people's living memory so in not too long, people won't be alive that remember VE Day happening.

Why is it significant?

This day can be seen in two key ways: first, a positive time as victory had been secured by the Allied countries in Europe. However, it was also a time to feel sad and think about the millions of people in countries across the world that lost their lives. Some of them will have come from your community.

How can we mark it?

The most important part is to remember it and think about all of the people that fought, died and contributed at home in the war effort. They made enormous sacrifices. There are some ideas of how we can do that