

VE Day 75 Year Celebrations– Ashley Junior School

This is a special project to commemorate and celebrate the end of World War 2 in Europe. We were hoping to have big celebrations at school but sadly we can't. It is however an important event that we should remember and think about. You can have a go at some of these if you like.

Plan your own street party

On 8 May 1945, Britain began to rejoice. People ran out onto the streets, church bells rang, bunting and banners were hung up and people brought food to eat at street parties. Plan your own street party. Where would it be? What games would be played? What decorations would be put up? What food would be eaten?

Do a drawing of what it might be like.



Research Winston Churchill

Winston Churchill was the Prime Minister in 1945. Research and make a fact file about who Churchill was. Consider why he was important, his personality, his family, his hobbies and his jobs.



Flags

During World War Two, countries that were part of the British Empire fought alongside the British. Some of these countries were: Canada, USA, Bermuda, Jamaica, The Bahamas, Australia, New Zealand, Kenya, Mauritius, Seychelles, Trinidad and Tobago, India and Cyprus. Find and draw the flags for these countries. Can you find other countries that fought alongside the British in WW2 and find and their flags too?



Design your own VE coin or medal



8 May 1945, now known as VE Day, saw the beginning of the end of the Second World War – the conflict that claimed the lives of millions and reshaped the future of countries and continents. The Royal Mint have designed a commemorative coin to remember VE Day. Your task is to design your own commemorative coin or a VE Day medal. You could think about the following ideas when designing yours: the years of the war; the colours of the allied flags or a reference to how the war was fought (land, air and sea).



Music



To link with VE day we are going to discover some music from the 1930s and 40s. · Listen to the song '[In the Mood](#)' and make a list of the instruments that are playing in the Big Band.

- Can you name the most famous Big Band of that time?
- What do you notice they do when it is their turn to play the solo section?

- Research some other songs from this era and make a list.

Can you do a 'jitterbug' dance to the music?

VE reflections

- **Do you know anyone who was around in 1945? What questions could you/would you like to ask them?**
- **Do we have any monuments, buildings or plaques locally that commemorate WW2 or celebrate VE Day?**
- **How do you think the people of Germany felt on this day? How do they feel 75 years on?**