



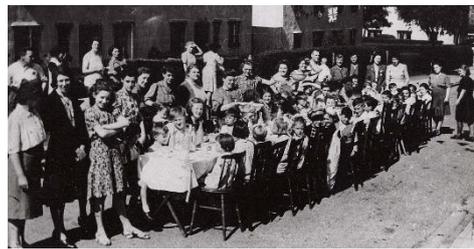
Woodvale Primary Academy

Thursday 7th May 2020

Good morning Swifts and Swallows! It is VE day! This means 'Victory in Europe Day'.



Victory in Europe / VE day took place on May 8th 1945. It was a public holiday and a day of celebration to mark the defeat of Germany by the Allied forces in the Second World War. VE day marked the end of the war with Germany and ended six years of suffering across the world. VE day is a day of celebration, people ran out onto the streets and hung up bunting and banners and began dancing. Everyone brought out food to share at the street parties. Across London, everyone was wearing red, white and blue to represent the colours of the Union Flag. Church bells also rang across the country to share the great news; peace in England!



What do you notice about all of these pictures above?

Morning Job – How many different items can you find around your house or garden that are either red, white or blue? Can you describe three of the items using expanded noun phrases?

Reading Activity – First, read the diary extract below that was written by a child on the day Germany surrendered from World War 2. Now, answer the questions based on the diary extract in the box to the right.

Monday 7th May 1945

Dear Diary,

We listened to the radio today and heard that Germany has surrendered. The war may be coming to an end!

Mum, Jon, my nan and I all cheered when we heard this. I've been so fed up with the war, it's been going on for 6 years! Hopefully dad will come home soon as we've all missed him terribly while he has been away fighting.

My nan dug out miles and miles of bunting from the cupboard. She said that we will have a huge party tomorrow to celebrate and she's been baking since we heard the news. We just have to wait for the Prime Minister, Winston Churchill, to say that the war has ended tomorrow.

Kitty

Inference

1. What year was the diary extract written? What day?
2. Who wrote the diary extract?
3. Where has her dad been?
4. What did Nan get out of the cupboard?
5. Who was the Prime Minister in 1945?
6. How do you think Kitty is feeling?

Writing Activity – Writing a poem

We would like you to write a poem capturing the feelings, emotions and events of VE day. Remember poems do not always follow the usual grammar rules, and they do not have to rhyme. Imagine you are attending the street parties on VE day, everyone is celebrating and having an excellent time. Think about what can you see, hear, feel, smell and taste? What great street food are you eating? What does it taste like? What is the atmosphere like?

Please return these to your teacher by 3.30pm on Monday 11th May. The top three children in the school with the best poems will receive a prize and will be shared on the Woodvale Twitter page.

Good Luck!

Maths Activity – With the World Wars being very destructive it meant that many resources were damaged. This meant that there was a shortage of many resources and this included food. Families had their food rationed which meant that the amount of food they could buy was limited.

Food item	Price
1 egg	6p
1 portion of milk	12p
1 portion of cheese	20p
20g of flour	15p
10g of Butter	14p
1 portion of sugar	8p
1 portion of strawberry jam	11p

Word problems to solve based on food available

1. Margret bought 1 egg and 1 portion of strawberry jam. How much would that cost?
2. Paul bought 1 portion of milk and 20g of flour. How much would that cost?
3. Delia bought 1 portion of sugar, 1 egg and 1 portion of cheese. How much would that cost?
4. Arthur bought a portion of strawberry jam, 10g of butter and 1 portion of milk. How much would that cost?
5. Edmond bought 1 portion of cheese, 2 eggs and 2 portions of sugar. How much would that cost?

Challenge: If Carol wanted to buy 1 of everything on the food item list. How much would that cost her?

Curriculum – A range of VE activities

For your curriculum learning today, your teachers have thought of many different, creative activities for you to enjoy. First of all, we would like you to complete the quiz beneath based on what you know or have learnt about VE day. You can then send your answers to your teachers through TEAMS or to their email address.

Quiz –

1. Why did people wear red, white and blue on VE day?
2. What does VE day stand for?
3. What date was 'Victory in Europe' day?
4. Why did the church bells ring across the country?
5. What did people do on VE day to celebrate?
6. How long did World War 2 last?

Once you have completed the quiz, there are many activities on the following pages that you can complete. We will outline them on the following page:

1. Designing your own bunting – you could either colour these or make your own using materials from home
2. Design a medal for the war heroes for when they return home
3. To write your own diary entry acting as a child on VE day or during World War 2
4. Colouring / designing your own union flag
5. VE word search
6. Design your own cup and plate that you would use at a VE street party
7. VE Day missing numbers

Finally, we have attached a link to BBC Teach that has a short video highlighting the celebrations that took place once Winston Churchill made his public announcement that war was over - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/ve-day-How-did-the-british-plan-to-celebrate/zndn7nb>

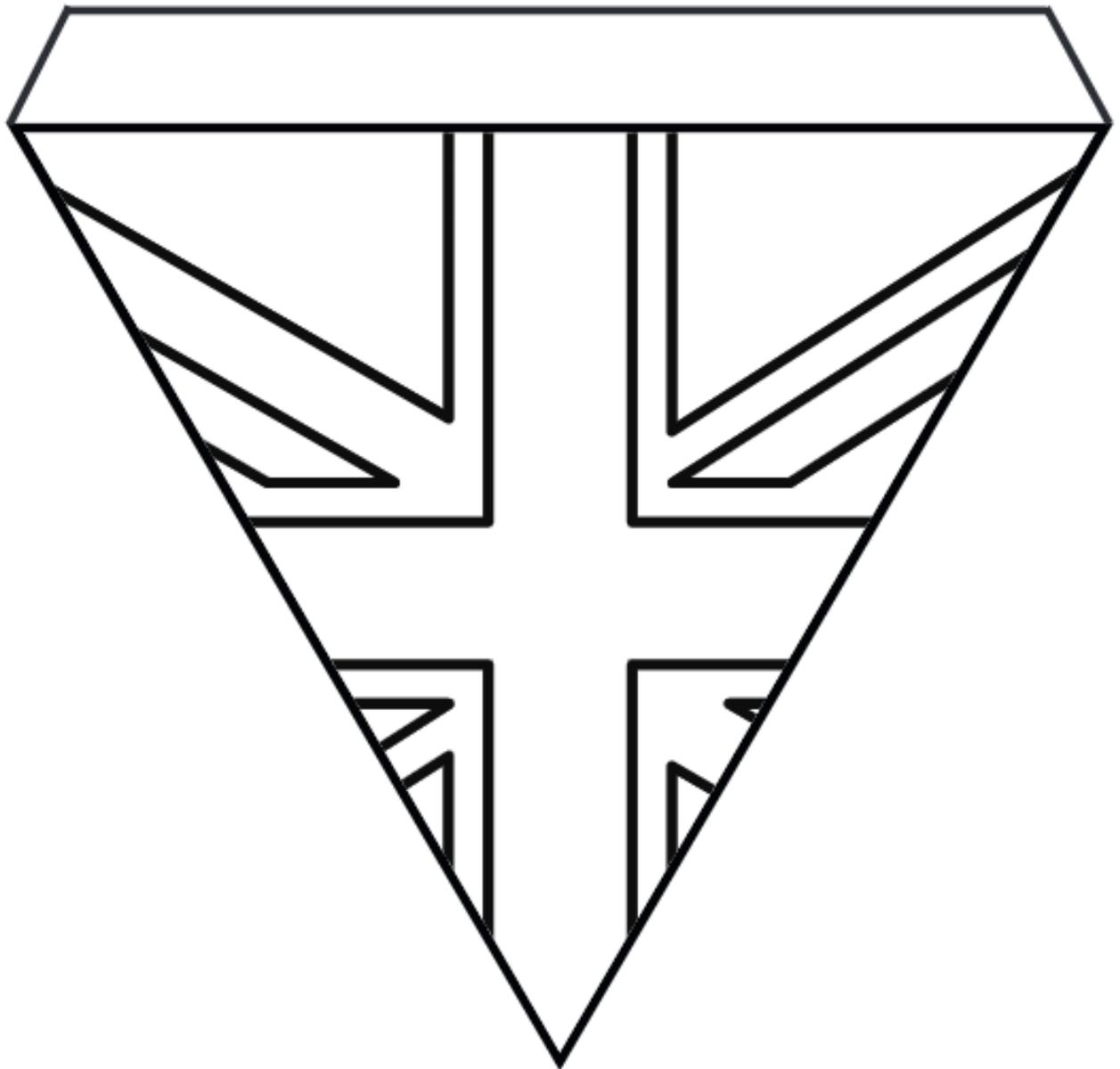
Your teachers hope you have a lovely VE day and would love to see any pictures you take either of you completing these activities or celebrating VE day with your families.

Take care,

Miss Walsh, Mrs McClarty and Mrs Bassett

Bunting

1. Colour your Union Flag bunting using red, white and blue. The more you print and colour, the longer your bunting can be!
2. Carefully, cut out your bunting.
3. Fold the top tab of the bunting over a piece of string or wool and use glue, sticky tape or staples to secure.

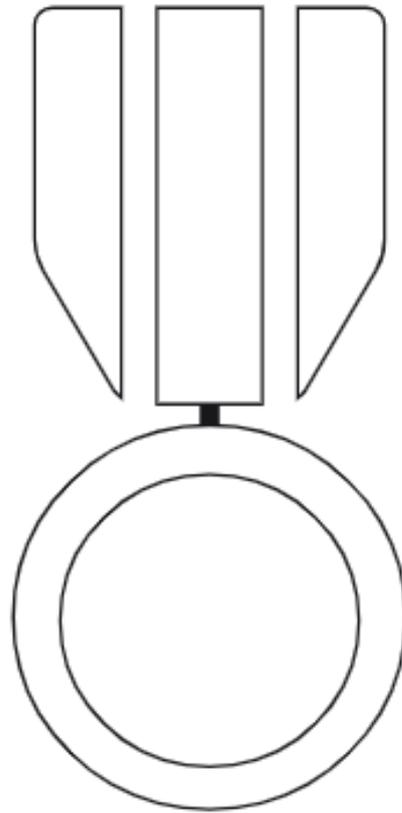




War Heroes Medal

On 8th May 1945, World War II ended in Europe. Service Men and Women returning home were given medals.

Can you design a medal for a war hero returning after VE Day?
Will your medal be for a returning serviceman or woman in the army, navy or air force?



Why have you chosen these colours and images for your medal?

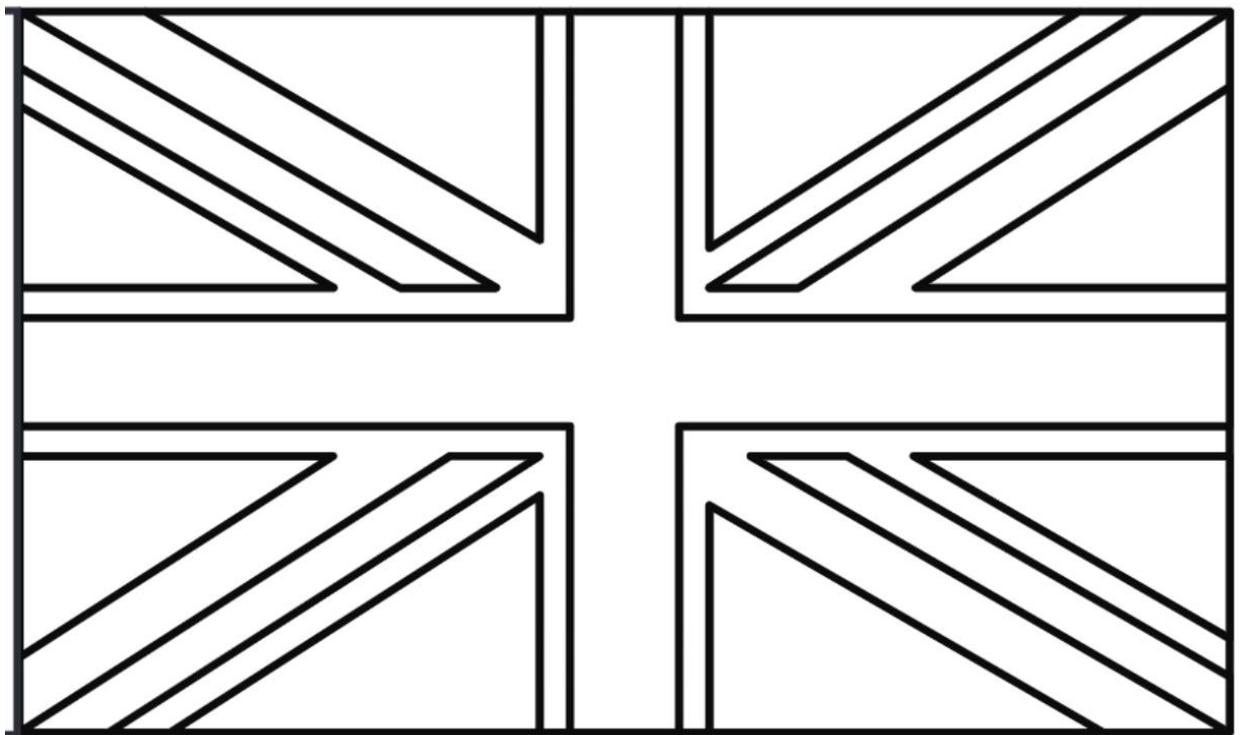
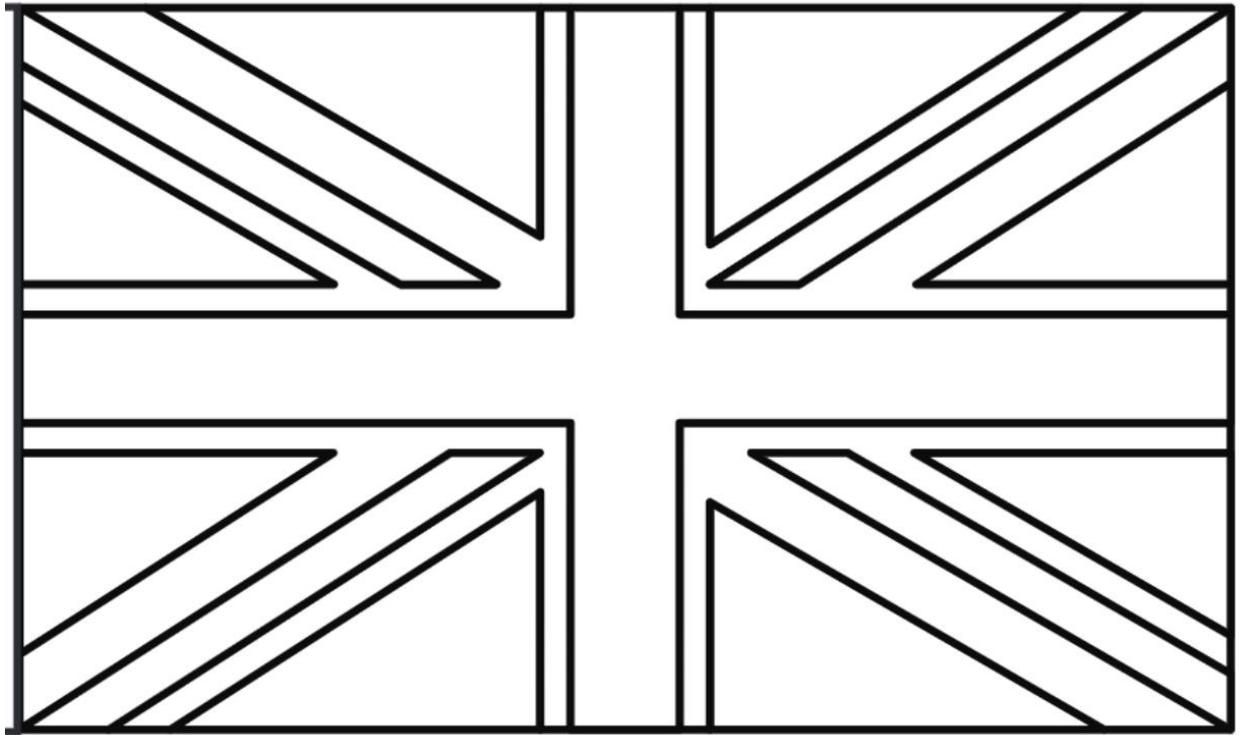


Date:

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How I felt today...





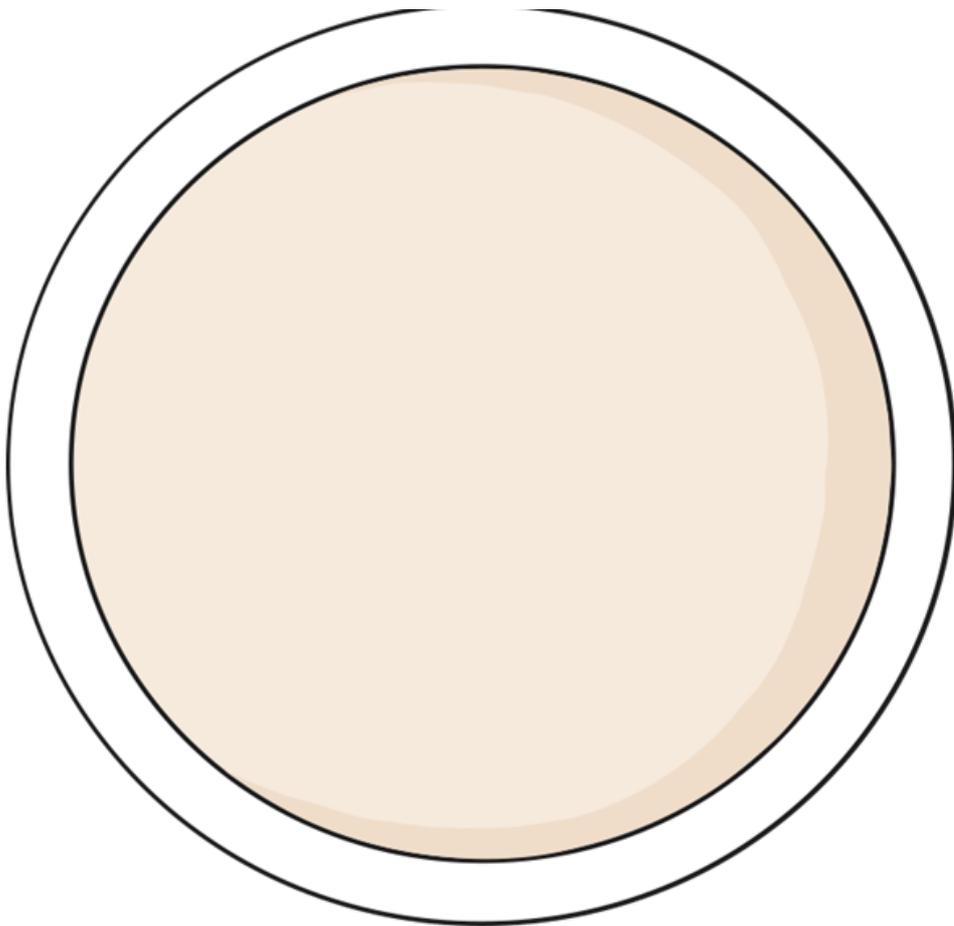
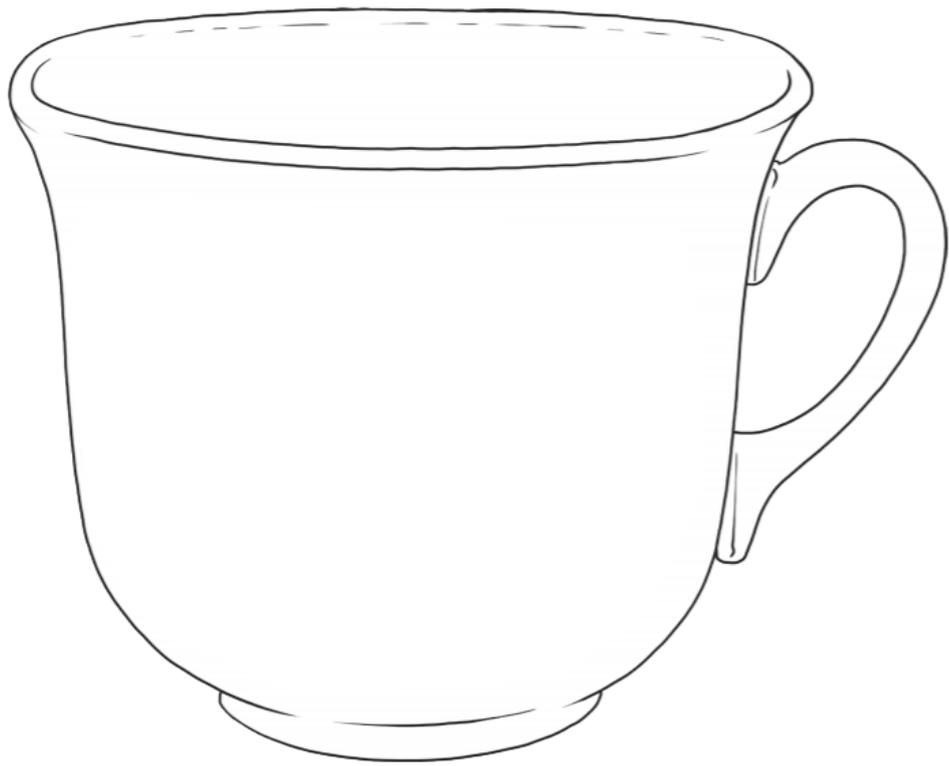
VE Day

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festival
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celebrate

WHOLE COUNTRY C



VE Day Missing Numbers

Write each missing number on the medals.

