

VE Day Activities



Friday May 8th 2020 – Celebrations were planned all over the UK to remember the 75th Anniversary of VE Day.



Not much social distancing going on here!!

Unfortunately, the Covid 19 crisis has meant that these have had to be cancelled – but you can still mark the occasion at home.

ACTIVITY 1:

MAKE YOUR OWN BUNTING!



You will need:

- A4 sheets of plain or coloured paper
- Colouring pens, pencils or paints
- Glue or Sellotape
- String or Ribbon

Step 1: Fold about 2cm over at the short end of the paper then fold the sheet in half lengthways.

Step 2: Draw a diagonal line from the outside top of the sheet (where you have folded the top over) to the inside of the fold at the bottom.

Step 3: Cut along the diagonal line through the double thickness of paper then unfold. You should now have a triangle with a folded strip at the top.

Step 4: Repeat this as many times as you wish.

Step 5: Decorate the triangles – you could use drawings, photos cut out and stuck on, flag designs, heroes, symbols of peace such as a dove, messages of thanks, whatever you like!

Step 6: When all your triangles are decorated, use the top strip to stick them over your string or ribbon, about 2cm apart, then hang your VE Day bunting in the window so that everyone can admire it!

ACTIVITY 2:

DESIGN YOUR OWN PEACE PICTURE.



If you have access to the internet, look up symbols of peace, definitions, ways of expressing the idea. Think about what the word means to you.

Then create a picture – it could be a painting, a drawing, a collage, a word cloud or any form you choose. Display it at home and perhaps keep it for when you are able to go back to school.



ACTIVITY 3

HEROES



Although the war was not over for many soldiers by May 8th, there was much celebration as the end was in sight.

Some families had not seen husbands, brothers, sons and uncles for a long time and many children must have viewed their military family members as heroes.

Today, we are clapping our keyworkers on Thursdays to recognise their efforts they are making and the risks they are taking to fight Covid 19. A very different situation yet one with some similarities.

Think about who you see as a hero. Perhaps your parents are working for the NHS or caring for the vulnerable. Maybe your older brother or sister is keeping a shop open so that people can buy food and essential supplies. Maybe one of your parents is worrying about their job surviving or trying to work from home and educate you at the same time!

Choose one or more people in your life that you think are heroes, for any reason.

Either:

- Write about them, explaining what they're doing and how it is helping people

Or

- Draw a picture showing what they do to make you admire them