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Read this article on [Newsround](#) and look closely at the photographs. **How did people celebrate in 1945? Plan your own 'stay at home' street party.**

What games could be played? What decorations would be put up? What food would be eaten? Who would be there? Is there anyone in your family who went to a VE Day party you could speak to?

For something more simple, you could design your own **VE Day party invitation** or create your own **Union Jack flag bunting** or make a Union Jack flag out of Lego!

Understanding World War Two/VE Day

On 8th May 1945, Britain celebrated the end of World War Two. To understand why VE Day was so important, you need to understand WW2. Visit these sites to help in your research:

[Primary Homework Help - WW2](#)
[BBC Teach - VE Day](#)
[What Is VE Day?](#)

Can you create a timeline of important events leading up to VE Day?

VE Day Songs

Try and learn the Horrible Histories [VE Day song](#) and perform it to your family.

Create your own motivational song. Listen to some of the following clips for inspiration. Listen to some more traditional war time songs:
[Wartime song lyrics](#)
[Run, rabbit, run!](#)
[Long way to Tipperary/ Pack up your troubles](#)
[The White Cliffs of Dover](#)

Learn [step-by-step](#) how to Swing dance (The Lindy Hop) which originated in the late 1920s and early 1930s in Harlem, New York City.

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Crack The Codes

A	Alfa	N	November
B	Bravo	O	Oscar
C	Charlie	P	Papa
D	Delta	Q	Quebec
E	Echo	R	Romeo
F	Foxtrot	S	Sierra
G	Golf	T	Tango
H	Hotel	U	Uniform
I	India	V	Victor
J	Juliett	W	Whisky
K	Kilo	X	X-ray
L	Lima	Y	Yankee
M	Mike	Z	Zulu

Phonetic Alphabet

The phonetic alphabet that was used in RAF transmissions during the war. Learn to spell your name using the phonetic alphabet e.g.

Ted = Tango   Echo Delta

Morse Code

Morse code is a communication system that represents the alphabet and numbers with a series of dots, dashes or a combination of both as shown here.
Watch this video to find out more about Morse Code.
Can you write a secret coded message for your family to crack?

Spitfire Science

Design and make your own Spitfire. You could make it out of paper, wood, recycled materials, etc. Test out your design. How far does it glide?

Does the material used for a paper plane affect the distance i
t travels? Try using newspaper, card, tinfoil, etc and carry out a test. Remember, only change ONE thing to make it a fair test.

Wartime Recipes

With one rationed egg and a packet of powdered milk in the larder, World War II's home cooks had to be creative. Find out what families were eating over 75 years ago.

Create some delicious meals using the recipe booklets below. You could serve them at your *'Stay at Home Street Party!'*

Wartime Recipe Booklet
Wartime Ration Recipes
WW2 Cake
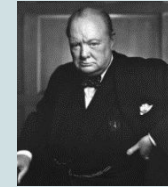Wartime Scones
Jam Tarts

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Europe during the Second World War

Colour in the countries on the map according to whether they were Allies, Axis, Axis controlled or Neutral.

You could print the map from Twinkl or create a list.

NatGeo Kids - WW2 History

Winston Churchill

Who was Winston Churchill? Why do we remember him today?
Produce a fact file/ poster displaying your information.
What was his job?
Why was he so important during WW2?
What was one of his famous phrases?
Can you describe his characteristics?
Why he was important?

Winston Churchill's Victory speech