

Home Learning - Mrs Ward: Week Beginning 25th May - Class 6 and 5/6

Hi!

I can't believe we are in week 10 of home learning! I hope you have been enjoying the work that has been set and learnt lots about World War 2. I wouldn't have wanted you to miss the work we would have been doing in class as I know it is a topic that always proves to be a favourite in Upper Key Stage 2. This will be our final week on World War 2 in the home learning packs. I hope you and your families are well and look forward to hopefully seeing you soon.

Take care
Mrs Ward :-)

Monday: **BANK HOLIDAY**

Tuesday: A few weeks ago, we celebrated the 75th Anniversary of VE Day. The day that Winston Churchill (our Prime Minister at the time) declared that the war was over. It was a historic day and some people alive today still have memories of the celebrations that took place. This year, for the 75th Anniversary, lots of large-scale commemorative events had been planned to mark the occasion but unfortunately these had to be cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic. However, this did not mean that we 'ignored' the day, instead we found different ways to show our appreciation for those who fought and celebrate the victory they achieved.

Reading comprehension:

Complete the Reading comprehension from the Daily News from the 75th VE Day Commemorative Anniversary.

Wednesday: In years to come, when Britain celebrates the 100th Anniversary of VE day, the 125th Anniversary of VE day and so on, they will talk about how different the 75th celebrations were: when the country was locked down - a moment in history.

What did you do on the 75th VE day anniversary? Maybe you remember watching something on the TV - the commemorative concert perhaps? Did you watch the Red arrows fly over London? Did you decorate your house? Did you see flags and bunting on other people's houses? Do you remember hearing about it on the news? Whatever you did on this day, even if it was the same as every other 'lockdown day' - you will look back and think about 'what was I doing when the country celebrated the 75th VE day anniversary in lockdown?'

Write a recount of your experience on Friday 8th May (75th VE day anniversary).

Put it in an envelope and label the front with: to be reopened on 8th May 2045 (this will be the 100th anniversary of VE Day) then put it somewhere safe. Maybe ask the

people you live with where they keep all the important things and keep it with them - your very own 'little piece of History'.

Thursday:

Year 6: Summer 1 GaPS Assessment - spag.com KS2 Grammar Test E

Year 5: Summer 1 GaPS Assessment - spag.com Year 5 Test E

Review your answers. You can use this website: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zhrrd2p> to help you work out the ones you were unsure of. I will have a look at the results too and be sure to put some work on anything you got stuck with in future home learning packs :-)

Friday: To finish our World War 2 topic - I'd like you to think about what has interested you most over the last few weeks. What would you like to know more about? What questions do you still have?

If you could go back in time to the second world war, who would you speak to and what questions would you like to ask? Write some questions on the sheet or on a piece of paper, then conduct some research to try to find the possible answers. Try to start questions with the words what, why, how, describe so that you don't get a yes or no answer.

Use the WW2 Research Sheet to help you.

Art and Design:

Applying the skills you have learnt and practised over the last few weeks work; I'd like you to create your own World War 2 drawing using the pencil techniques you have learnt (drawing texture, drawing perspective, drawing figures and shading). Look at the examples of WW2 pencil sketches I have included; you can recreate one of these or draw your own idea - a soldier in a trench, a soldier in uniform waving goodbye to his family, a child being evacuated, a house devastated by the blitz, a portrait of Winston Churchill - anything related to our work on WW2. Take a photo of your drawings and send them to our school email address, I'd love to see them and any more of your WW2 work and I will get them up on our class page on the website - just like a classroom display!

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RE: Worship To Go Link on Class 6 and Class 5/6 News Items



75th Anniversary of VE Day Commemorated

What was the Second World War?

- The Second World War was a global conflict that lasted from 1939-1945.
- It was the largest war in history and cost the lives of between 40 to 60 million people.

The Royal Mint has created commemorative coins to mark VE Day this year. This is because today is the 75th anniversary of the end of the Second World War in Europe.

The special £2 coins have the word 'victory' above the heads of a celebrating crowd. Rays from searchlights spill out from behind the crowd. These represent "rays of hope on the evening of VE Day," according to the coin's designer, Dominique Evans.

The coins can be bought from the Royal Mint; prices for the coins range from £10 up to £1055. A donation from each sale will go to support the Imperial War Museum.

Stephen Walton, a senior curator at the museum, said that there were many challenges after VE Day in 1945. He went on to say people believed that "out of an unprecedented global catastrophe, a better human society should emerge".

At 11 a.m. this morning, there will be a two-minute silence to commemorate VE Day. At 9 p.m. this evening, The Queen will address the nation. This is the exact time that her father, George VI, gave a speech on VE Day, 75 years ago.

What is VE Day?

Although the Second World War continued elsewhere, the battles that took place in Europe



Photo: VE Day celebrations in 1945.

came to an end on 7th May 1945 when Germany surrendered.

The following day, at 3 p.m., the UK prime minister, Winston Churchill, made an announcement on the radio. He let people know that the war in Europe had ended.

Upon hearing the news, people held big parties to celebrate. Even Princess Elizabeth (who later became our Queen) secretly left Buckingham Palace to celebrate with people on the street.

However, it was also a day of great sadness as people remembered those who had died.

Glossary

searchlights A powerful outdoor electric light for spotting aeroplanes in the sky at night.

curator Someone who collects together and looks after items in a museum.

unprecedented Never done or known before.

commemorate Remember and show respect for something.

Photo sourced: City of Toronto Archives Fonds 1266, Item 96241

Questions

1. Who was the UK prime minister on 8th May 1945?

2. Why will the Queen's speech be at 9 p.m.?

3. 'This is because today is the 75th anniversary of the end of the Second World War in Europe.'

Which of the following definitions is closest in meaning to the word 'anniversary' in this sentence? Tick one.

- The date on which a couple was married.
- A date which is remembered because a special event happened on it.
- Happening every other year.
- A party or a celebration.

4. Use the numbers 1-4 to order these events in the order in which they happened. One has been done for you.

Winston Churchill makes an announcement on the radio letting people know that the war in Europe had ended.	
Germany surrenders.	1
King George VI addresses the nation.	
The Royal Mint produces a commemorative coin to mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day.	

5. Tick which of the following statements are true and which are false.

	True	False
The cheapest commemorative coin costs £10.		
The most expensive commemorative coin costs £1550.		
As a princess, The Queen celebrated VE Day in 1945.		

6. Summarise the story in 15 words or fewer.

Answers

1. Who was the UK prime minister on 8th May 1945?

Winston Churchill

2. Why will the Queen's speech be at 9 p.m.?

Accept any reasonable answer which references it being the same time that her father spoke 75 years ago, e.g. This is the exact time that her father, George VI, gave a speech on VE Day, 75 years ago.

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6. Summarise the story in 15 words or fewer.

Accept any reasonable answer which references the production of a new coin to remember VE Day. e.g. £2 coins are being minted for the 75th anniversary of VE Day.

WW2 RESEARCH SHEET:

Question sheet

If you could go back in time to the second world war, who would you speak to and what questions would you like to ask? Write some questions here then conduct some research to try to find the possible answers. Try to start questions with the words *what, why, how, describe* so that you don't get a yes or no answer.

I would like to speak to (put a circle around the one you choose):

A SOLDIER A SAILOR A PILOT AN AIR RAID WARDEN A CHILD A HOUSEWIFE

SOMEBODY ELSE (WRITE WHO THEY ARE HERE) _____

QUESTION 1:

ANSWER:

QUESTION 2:

ANSWER:

QUESTION 3:

ANSWER:

RESEARCH RECORD

I used these sources of information to get my answers (please circle):

INTERNET BOOKS OLD FILMS PERSONAL INTERVIEW

OTHER WAYS I USED _____



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