VE Day – Victory in Europe - 8th May 1945

This year, there is a special bank holiday on Friday May 8th to mark the 75th anniversary of Victory in Europe Day.

We have collected some information and activities you might like to try as part of this special day that marked the end of World War II in Europe.

Although we have grouped the activities into key stages, you can choose anything you want to. There are many that can be enjoyed by children (and adults!) of all ages.

This is a link (you may need to copy and paste) to BBC Newsround page with information about VE day aimed at children.

https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/48201749

These resources will also be available on the website.

KS1:

VE Day Glider – use the template to create your own Spitfire glider. If other members of your family make one, perhaps you could have a competition to see whose glider can travel the greatest distance.

Union Jack Flag – Colour the Union Jack and make your own flag to wave.

Word search – Complete the VE day word search. Can you find all of the words?

Design a tea cosy – a chance to be creative. Decide on the shape and then choose how you would decorate it to reflect the celebrations.

Dot to dot – Join the dots counting in twos to make a picture for you to colour.

KS2:

VE Day Assembly from the Royal British Legion. This will help you understand the background to this special day.

Activities galore – this compilation of activities from Bletchley Park could bring out your creative side. From bunting to baking, singing and dancing to decorations, there is hopefully something you might like to try.

Puzzles galore from Bletchley Park – try your hand at some of these puzzles. Perhaps you can be a code-breaker or anagram solver.

Origami Peace Dove – there is some information about peace treaties and then some instructions to make an origami peace dove and to write messages for peace.

Coded Poems – can you try to work out which popular children's poems have been written in code? Perhaps you could have a go at turning one of your favourite poems into code form.