75th Anniversary of VE Day

On Friday we have a bank holiday to celebrate the 75th anniversary of VE day. This was the day World War Two ended in Europe.

So, we’ve got something a little different for your History homework this week.

1. Watch the video linked below to find out more about the celebrations that took place 75 years ago.

https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/history-ks2-ve-day/z7xtmfr

VE Day - BBC Teach
This short film explains what VE Day and VJ Day were, and the events that led to the end of the war. An eye-witness called Alan, who was a child at the time, recalls seeing the celebrations in ...

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2. Unfortunately many of the celebrations planned to mark the 75-year anniversary have had to be cancelled owing to the pandemic. However, we’d love you and your families to get involved in the following ways to mark the occasion:

a) Follow the link below to find out about the Great British Bunting Project. Either by yourself, or with the rest of your household, get creative using whatever you have at home to make your own VE day bunting and hang up in your window for all to see. Remember, it doesn’t have to be perfect, "make do and mend" is very much the theme, so please don’t rush out to buy materials for this. Take a picture and submit through SMH, on the special Google classroom I’ve set up for this project (class code: kfla4cy) or you can share directly with the school Facebook page so we can see what you’ve done. There’s a video, template and lots of ideas on the website linked below.

https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/4TrqYDyf4PMdLypztyTwGDg/great-british-bunting

BBC - Great British Bunting
Due to the coronavirus restrictions most VE Day 75 events and street parties have had to be cancelled or postponed but we still want you to be able to mark the occasion, share your pride in our ...

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If you get time, follow the link below to see a range of challenges set by historian and presenter Dan Snow to find out how YOU would tell the story of VE Day to mark this special 75th anniversary. Be quick though as entries need to be in by 6th May.

https://ve-vjday75.gov.uk/dan-snows-ve-day-challenge/

**Dan Snow's VE Day Challenge - VE Day 75**

We’ve teamed up with historian and presenter Dan Snow to find out how YOU would tell the story of VE Day today to mark this special 75th anniversary. The challenge is asking you to think about how you would tell the story of VE Day today. There are lots of ways you could bring the... 

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c) Join together at 11:00 on Friday morning in a national 2 minute silence. There will then be events taking place throughout the day, including a national sing-along of "We'll Meet Again" and the Queen will address the nation at 9pm on VE Day, 8 May, the same hour as her father, King George VI, made his radio address marking victory in Europe.

b) Take part in the ‘Nation's Toast to the Heroes of WW2’ at 3pm on Friday the 8th May, from the safety of your own home with the rest of your household by standing up and raising a glass (obviously no alcohol please!) with the following 'Toast' – “To those who gave so much, we thank you,” using this unique opportunity to pay tribute to the many millions at home and abroad that gave so much to ensure we all enjoy and share the freedom we have today. Once again, we'd love you to share pictures of your toast.

Enjoy, take care and stay safe!