

We hope you are all keeping safe and well and we look forward to when we can all see each other again. Below are some activities to keep your brains busy and working over the coming week.

Literacy:

The focus in literacy this week is instruction writing. What are instructions? How do they help us? Start by following these instructions to make a paper plane.

How to Make a Paper Aeroplane

1 You will need a piece of A4 paper.

2 Make a line in the centre by folding the paper in half longways then opening it out flat.

3 Fold in two of the corners so they meet at the centre fold.

4 Fold the outer edges in again to meet at the centre fold.

5 Turn the paper over and then fold it in half in the middle.

6 Fold down the wings on each side so that they meet with the bottom of the plane.

7 Your plane is ready to fly! How far can you make it go?

Try to spot some of the features of an instruction text: a title, commands, imperative verbs, numbered steps, possibly a list of equipment needed. Can you use imperative verbs to complete these commands?

1. _____ the door, there's a draught.
2. _____ off the light please.
3. _____ the milk into the glass.
4. _____ on a coat before you go out.
5. _____ left at the traffic lights.

Now create your own set of instructions. They could be instructions to make a sock puppet, how to complete an obstacle course, to make a special sandwich, or how to make George's Marvellous medicine. They should include

- A title
- An introduction
- Equipment list
- Commands using imperative verbs

Test out your instructions on a family member.

Useful phonics links: <https://www.teachyourmonstertoread.com/>

[https://www.youtube.com/user/breakthruchris?](https://www.youtube.com/user/breakthruchris?fbclid=IwAR1CzQXRdjqizypJwLMFDmGDCU1S95YdE5o5FmAPAIGZ1LKdbiYwtoIB7KsE)

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Free audio books: <https://stories.audible.com/start-listen>

Reading challenges:

- Write down ten words to best describe a story you have read.
- Create a fact file for your favourite author

Maths:

Please continue following the white rose videos, these provide useful explanations on mathematics that would be covered in school.

<https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/year-2/>

Y2 Maths at Home – Hidey pots

Underneath five to ten flower pots or bowls place some pebbles or other objects. Show what is underneath each pot/bowl in turn.

Are there the same number of pebbles under each pot?
Using only the pebbles under the four pots, rearrange them until all of the piles are equal.

Rearrange a number of pebbles so that there is an equal number under each pot e.g. 5 pebbles and challenge your child(ren) to say how many pebbles under all six pots altogether. Help them to count in twos, fives or tens or to use a fact they know.

Say the number of objects under the pots altogether
e.g. 30 pebbles under six pots.
There are the same number of pebbles under every pot.
Can you work out what that number is?



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1 Complete the cards

$10 + 6$ is the same as $11 +$

$10 + 6$ is the same as $9 +$

$15 - 3$ is the same as $20 -$

2 Two shirts cost £12



How much do 5 of the shirts cost?

R.E

This week we are continuing to focus on Pentecost. Recap Acts 2: 1-11. Imagine that you are one of the disciples hiding in the room. Retell the story considering characters, setting and events - what happened after the wind and the fire came? What did they say and do?

Computing

How do people send messages to each other? Possibly a letter, a text message or an email. Research some early methods of messaging these could include cave drawings, smoke signals, Egyptian hieroglyphs, carrier pigeons, printing press, telegraph or radio.

Try making tin-can walkie-talkies, play Chinese whispers, write telegrams. Which method was the most efficient?

P.E

The Challenge

How many socks can you throw in a bucket in 60 seconds?

- Place a bucket on the ground.
- Measure 5 strides from the bucket and place the marker on the ground.
- Stand next to the marker and throw a pair of socks under arm in to the bucket.
- Once you have thrown all the pairs of socks, run and collect the socks and start again.
- How many socks can you throw in to the bucket in 60 seconds?

- Always have adult supervision.
- Make sure the surface is flat.
- Make sure there are no obstructions.

What you need:

- 5 x pairs of socks
- 1 x bucket, box or hoop
- 1 x marker
- 1 x timer



History

The 8th May is VE day which commemorates the end of the Second World War in Europe. This year is the 75th anniversary. Many people celebrated VE day in 1945 by holding street parties, create your own tea party at home. You can make bunting to hang and research foods that were popular in 1945. There are a lot of events planned on this day that you might want to look out for:

- The queen's speech.
- A national sing-a-long to 'We'll meet again' by Dame Vera Lynn.
- The three national military service museums, (navy, army and air force) are hosting a virtual VE Day 75 festival online.



We hope you have a good week. Best wishes,

Amy and Megan

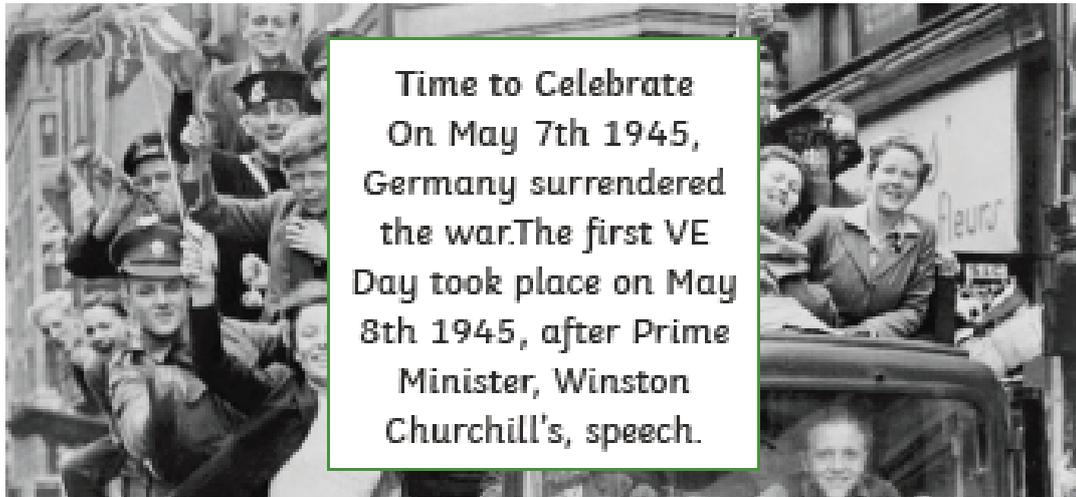
Victory in Europe Day

Victory in Europe Day is also known as VE Day. VE day is a day to commemorate the end of the Second World War. We remember the courage, suffering and endurance of those who lived during the war. We also remember the soldiers who fought in the war and those who lost their lives.



Did You Know?

The Second World War lasted for six years. It was a war that involved countries from all around the world. The war started in Europe in 1939, when Nazi Germany invaded the country of Poland. The people of Britain fought Nazi Germany for their freedom.



Time to Celebrate
On May 7th 1945, Germany surrendered the war. The first VE Day took place on May 8th 1945, after Prime Minister, Winston Churchill's, speech.



At 3pm on May 8th 1945, the Prime Minister, Winston Churchill made a speech to announce the end of the war. He said:

"My dear friends, this is your hour. It's a victory of the great British nation."

How Did People Celebrate the First VE Day?

People travelled to London for parades, dancing and singing. The centre of London was filled with people wearing red, white and blue and waving flags. There were street parties all over the country. Fireworks filled the sky with flashes of light. Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret even slipped out of Buckingham Palace to join in with the celebrations in London!

Victory in Europe Day

Questions

1. What is Victory in Europe Day also known as?

2. What do we remember on VE Day?

3. How long did the Second World War last for?

4. When was the first VE Day?

5. Who was the Prime Minister in 1945?

6. Why do you think people travelled to London for the celebrations?
