

The theme for this week is: '1940s Britain and VE Day 75'



Topic Activities:

Circle Time/ PSED – Think about working together. What do you have to be good at when you are working as a team or with a partner? Listening, taking turns and sharing are all important. Read the story “Starry-Eyed Stan” on Twinkl. What did he learn about teamwork?

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/t-l-54210-starry-eyed-stan-ebook-english>

P.E. – Learn how to Lindy Hop!

<https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/about-us/search-news/dance-for-ve-day/>. Swing dancing was really popular in the 1940s and people would dance like this during celebrations. Search Youtube for some Lindy Hop tutorials or some swing music to dance to. Here's a good one to start you off “Leo and Darina. Lindy Hop.Kids.” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1q1IS27IDh4>

Topic – Design a medal. Lots of people got medals during the war and they came in all shapes, sizes and colours. Search online for some of the different medals to inspire you, then draw your own medal design. You might want to make a salt dough medal that you can paint.

Topic – London. A lot of the VE Day celebrations took place in London. What do you know about London? Do you some research about our capital city. How could you get there? What might you see? Do any important people live there?



Maths Activities:

1. Times of the day. Learn about the different times of day and the different activities you do during each of those times. Sorting activity on the Supporting Resources page.
2. Clock watching. Have a look around your house for all the different things that help us measure time. It might be analogue clocks (the clocks with hands), digital clocks, watches, timers, sand timers, perhaps even a sundial in the garden! Choose two of these things and compare them counting out 1 minute. Does the second hand on a clock go the whole way round in the same amount of time as it takes a digital clock to count to 60?
3. Time challenge! Use a clock or timer of your choice and complete these one minute challenges: How many times can you write your name? How many times can you take your shoes off and on again? How many times can you run up the stairs? How many blocks can you add to a tower? How many star jumps can you do? How many numbers can you write down? I am sure that there are lots of other challenges that you can think of too!
4. Make a clock. Have a go at making your own analogue clock. You could draw it on a paper plate, use stickers to position the numbers on paper, make it on the ground with a hula hoop and blocks, draw it on the floor outside with chalk, or even make a tiny version to wear on your wrist like a watch! We will use it next week to start telling the time!

Literacy Activities:

1. After looking at the information on the Supporting Resources page (or on the British Legion website <https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/remembrance/remembrance-events/ve-day-75?seg=WPDW3B>), write down a few simple sentences about VE day. You could write about how the people might have felt, what they did, when VE day was. How they celebrated. Remember those capital letters and full stops!
2. There were lots of VE celebrations that took place for VE Day. Pretend that you are going to celebrate and write an invitation to your family and friends so that they can join you. What colours should they wear? What should they bring? What day will the celebration be?
3. Read some of the wartime recipes on the Supporting Resources pages. Are there any that you would like to make? Perhaps you could write your own recipe or a shopping list of your favourite foods.
4. This time of year at school, we would be busy learning a dance routine for May Day. Do some research and find out about May Day traditions in the UK and how people celebrate it all around the country. You can draw pictures or write down some facts. You might even want to learn a Morris Dance!

Daily Phonics:

10 minutes: Revisit previously learnt Tricky Words using the laminated cards (orange, purple + green). Introduce new Tricky Word for the week 'do'. Explain that the tricky part of the word is the /o/ at the end because it is making an /oo/ sound. Play <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/member-only/TrickyWordTrucks.html> then practise spelling 4 or 5 of the words including 'do'.

10 minutes: Introduce new sound for the week /ar/. Explain that the action for /ar/ is to open their mouth wide and say 'ah'. Can they think of any words that might use the /ar/ sound? Can they remember which Tricky Word has the /ar/ sound in it? Play <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/member-only/Flashcards.html> encouraging them to say the sounds and do the actions for each card that comes up. Alternatively, join in with the songs and actions on the Jolly Phonics video found in the Home Learning section of the school website.

Start the week by reading /ar/ words using the following games:

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/member-only/PicnicOnPluto.html>

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/member-only/BuriedTreasure2.html>

As they becoming more confident with sounding out and blending /ar/ words to read them, beginning asking them to spell words with /ar/ such as: card, hard, part, chart, sharp, farm. If they are confident with this, try giving them a sentence that includes an /ar/ word and a few of the Tricky Words such as 'Do you like the farm?'. Look for the /ar/ sound when you play these Phase 3 games on Phonics Bloom. <https://www.phonicsbloom.com/uk/game/list/phonics-games-phase-3>

Enrichment Activities:

- Play some of the games that children from the 1940s would have played: Hopscotch, Four Square, Jump Rope, Marbles, Red Rover Red Rover, Hide and Seek, Statues, Red Light Green Light. In the evening children did not have video games as they do now, so children played cards, Chutes and Ladders (which is similar to Snakes and Ladders), Candy Land and Checkers.
- Listen to the radio. Or even record your own radio broadcast! What would you say to the rest of Maple Class?
- Watch the film "Bedknobs and Broomsticks". It's set during WW2 and it has lots of magic!
- Have a VE Day party on Friday! Have a look at this website to find out what is going on around the UK <https://www.veday75.org/>. You might want to celebrate with a cream tea or a picnic in the garden.
- There are some May Day and VE Day colouring sheets on the Supporting Resources section of the website.