

This week our focus for learning is:

## The 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day

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### What is VE Day?

This marks the day that the Second World War ended in Europe. It happened when Germany (sometimes known as the Nazis) surrendered. It was not the end of the war completely though as it continued in the Pacific against Japan. The war officially ended there in September when their surrender was signed.

It marked the end of 6 years of war. It included countries from around the world and fighting took place on nearly every continent.

### Why is it significant?

This day can be seen in two key ways: first, a positive time as victory had been secured by the Allied countries in Europe. However, it was also a time to feel sad and think about the millions of people in countries across the world that lost their lives. Some of them will have come from your community.

### How can we mark it?

The most important part is to remember it and think about all of the people that fought, died and contributed at home in the war effort. They made enormous sacrifices. There are some ideas of how we can do that

Videos and information for you to explore about VE DAY

[BBC Teach VE DAY](#)

**Teach**

[BBC Newsround](#)

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Can you write your own diary entry? Imagine you are celebrating VE Day with your family.



A successful diary entry should answer the following from your chosen person's view:

- Have they seen the Blitz?
- Do they know someone fighting?
- Have they lost anyone in the war?
- How have they coped with rationing?
- How do they feel about the Germans?
- Have they been evacuated?
- Do they expect things to now return to normal?
- Has the war changed the world?



Make sure to include the key words below.

'The Blitz'	rations	evacuee	Hitler	soldiers	Churchill	letters
Germans	blackout	King George VI	'The Hun'	'The Front'	Union flags	wireless

# VE Day Thoughts

Victory in Europe Day – or VE Day – is remembered on 8th May. It was the day when the end of the Second World War in Europe is celebrated.

What is remembered on VE Day?

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Why do you think it is important to celebrate and recognise VE Day?

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How do you think VE Day should be celebrated?

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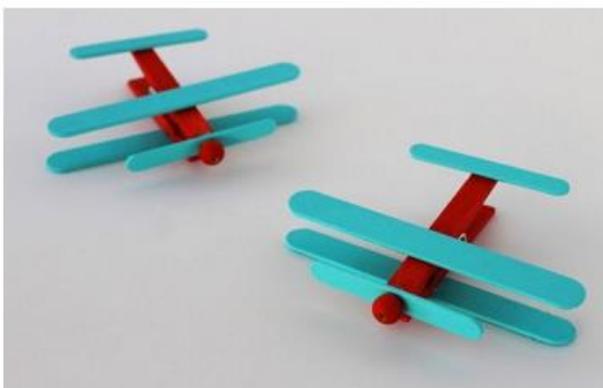
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**Can you interview an elderly family member over the phone- do they remember VE Day?**

Can you create some model aircraft from recycled materials that you have at home?



Can you create your own poster to celebrate VE day?

Can you have a go at recreating some of these war time recipes with your family?

# WARTIME RECIPES

## ★ Pear Crumble ★

### Ingredients

6-8 pears (Ripe and with the skins left on)  
2 tablespoons margarine  
handful of sultanas  
lemon juice/zest if available  
1/2 cup of rolled oats  
1/2 cup of wholewheat flour  
1/2 teaspoon all spice/mixed spice  
custard powder, sugar and milk (for custard)



### Method

Take the pears and core them and chop them whilst leaving the skins on.

Squirt some of the lemon juice and zest if available.

Add together the sultanas with the pears and lemon juice and place in a 7 inch greased cooking pan.

Mix all the spice and sugar together and sprinkle it over the top of the pears in the pan.

Mix 1/2 cup rolled oats and 1/2 cup wholewheat flour together in a bowl.

Add in the margarine and mix until the mixture resembles bread crumbs.

Sprinkle this mixture over the top evenly.

Place it in the oven, pre-heated at 200C, for 40 minutes.

Create the custard using the instructions on the can and serve it with the hot crumble.

Serve and enjoy!

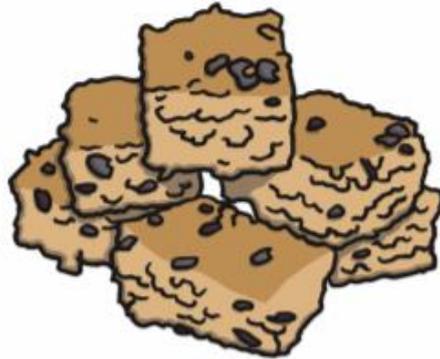
Serves 4

# WARTIME RECIPES

## ★ Eggless Sponge ★

### Ingredients

1/2 pint of tea (without any milk or tea leaves/bags)  
3 oz butter/margarine  
3 oz sugar  
3 oz sultanas  
10 oz wholewheat flour (add 3-4 teaspoons of baking powder)  
1 teaspoon all spice (mixed spice)  
extra cinnamon if required



### Method

Add the tea, sugar, butter and sultanas into a saucepan. Heat gently until the butter has melted, leave it to cool.

Mix all the dry ingredients together.

Add and mix the dry ingredients into the cooled liquid. Give it a beat and mix it well.

Grab a 7 inch cake tin and grease it. Put the mixture into it.

Cook on 180 degrees for around 45 minutes or more.

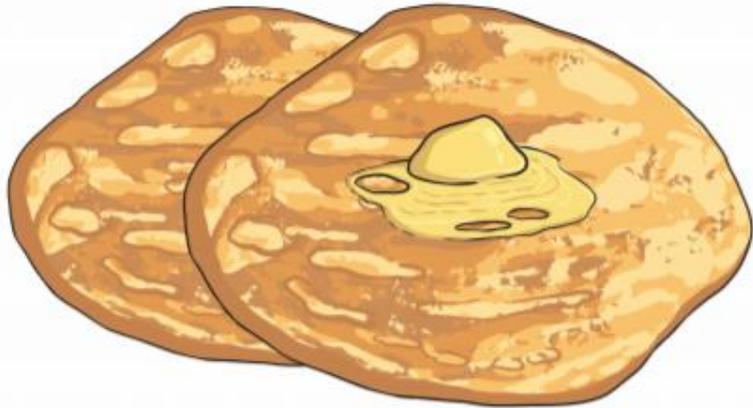
Serve and Enjoy!

# WARTIME RECIPES

## ★ Pancakes ★

### Ingredients

1 egg  
4 oz of wholewheat flour  
pinch salt  
1/2 pint of milk and water mixed



### Method

Mix all the wet ingredients together.

Mix all the dry ingredients together.

Once you have mixed the ingredients, slowly add the wet ingredients to the dry ingredients to create a stiff batter then continue add the rest. Beat it well until it's smooth.

Add a little bit of margarine into the pan and wait until it is bubbling.

Pour in the batter and cook until both sides of the batter are brown.

Serve with either syrup, jam or sprinkle a little bit of sugar.

Enjoy.

Makes 6-10 pancakes.

# Design a VE Day Medal

This medal celebrated the end of the First World War and was given to soldiers who had fought in active theatres of the war. It was a symbol of **great pride** but its design was also highly **symbolic**.

A rainbow symbolises the calm after the storm.

The years of the First World War – 1914-18



The colours are the combined colours of the Allied nations with red at the centre.

Winged figure is 'Victory'.

Bronze medal, not too expensive after the war, but long lasting.



**Your task is to create a medal for British soldiers who served in the Second World War that is just as symbolic and creative.**

Your medal can be any shape or size but you must have considered the metal and ribbon choices.

You must include:

- The years of the war (1939-45)
- The colours of the Allies
- A symbol to signify the war and the soldier's sacrifice and victory
- A reference to the many theatres of the fighting (Europe, Africa, Asia, Air, Sea, Land)
- Annotations to explain your choices

# Morse Code

Morse code is a way to send messages without using words. The code has its own alphabet made up of short and long sounds or flashes of light. Use the Morse code alphabet to translate the messages below.

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B —●●●	O ———
C —●—●	P ●—●●
D —●●	Q ——●—
E ●	R ●—●
F ●●—●	S ●●●
G ——●	T —
H ●●●●	U ●●—
I ●●	V ●●●—
J ●———	W ●—
K —●—	X —●●—
L ●—●●	Y —●—
M ——	Z ——●●

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F ●●—●	S ●●●
G ——●	T —
H ●●●●	U ●●—
I ●●	V ●●●—
J ●———	W ●—
K —●—	X —●●—
L ●—●●	Y —●—
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## Morse Code Activity



Use the Morse Code Alphabet Chart to help you write your name in Morse Code.

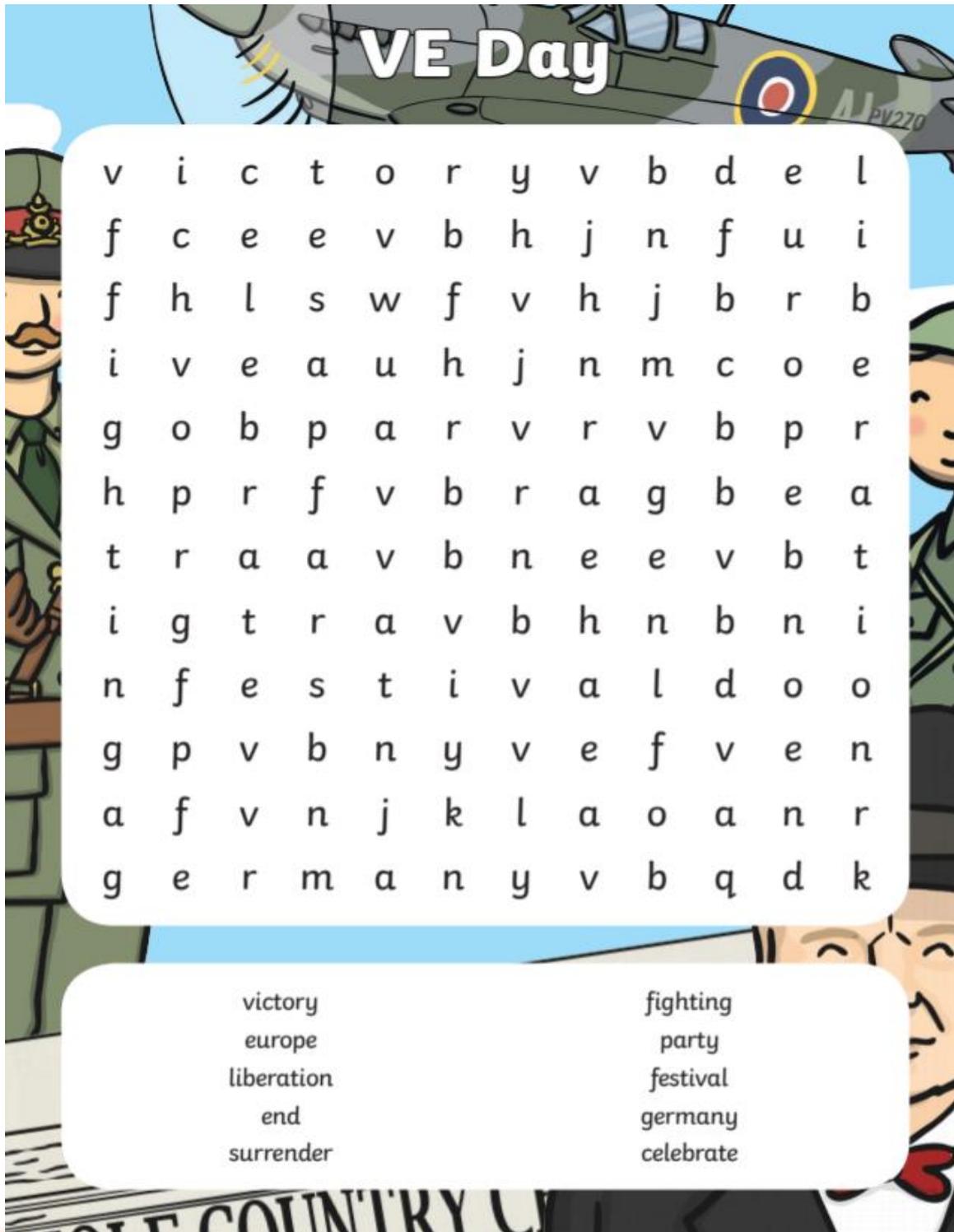
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Can you write your age in Morse Code?

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[Upload your Morse Code message to our Twitter account and see if the teachers can translate!](#)

Can you find the hidden words in the word search?



The image features a word search puzzle set against a background of a cartoon illustration. At the top, a green military aircraft is shown with the text "VE Day" in large white letters. Below the aircraft, a white rounded rectangle contains a 10x10 grid of letters. At the bottom of the grid area, another white rounded rectangle lists 14 words: victory, europe, liberation, end, surrender, fighting, party, festival, germany, and celebrate. The background illustration includes a soldier in a green uniform on the left and a woman's face on the right. At the very bottom, a sign with the words "THE COUNTRY" is partially visible.

**VE Day**

v i c t o r y v b d e l  
f c e e v b h j n f u i  
f h l s w f v h j b r b  
i v e a u h j n m c o e  
g o b p a r v r v b p r  
h p r f v b r a g b e a  
t r a a v b n e e v b t  
i g t r a v b h n b n i  
n f e s t i v a l d o o  
g p v b n y v e f v e n  
a f v n j k l a o a n r  
g e r m a n y v b q d k

victory  
europe  
liberation  
end  
surrender

fighting  
party  
festival  
germany  
celebrate

Do you know the **meaning** of all the words you have found?

Once you have **found** the words **research** what they mean and **create a glossary**. Can you **think** of any other words that could have been included in the **word search**?