

HMS Weekly Challenge

Victory in Europe Day – 75 years

This year is the 75th anniversary of VE Day and Friday 8th May, as you may know is a Bank Holiday. We imagine however the celebrations will be somewhat different compared with previous ones. With being asked to socially distance, the traditional street party is not able to take place. This does however need to dampen the mood of events.

At a time when mental health, wellbeing and community spirit is so important, it would be wonderful to share the different and creative ways our pupils and their families have prepared for and celebrated VE Day this year. Let's make our own history.

Click [here](#) to access a range of activities developed by the Pawprint Trust, who support the Scouts and Girl Guides. It would be wonderful for pupils and families to undertake some of these, this week, as we continue our lockdown continues. Send in photographs of your achievements.

'Stay at Home' Party

You may want to celebrate VE Day with a 'Stay at Home' party. Why not decorate your house red, white and blue and have a picnic in your front room or front garden (if you can socially distance). You could also create some 'make do and mend' bunting. Send us photographs of your window displays.



Celebrating at home this VE Day needn't be dull. Another useful source of activities you may want to use can be found [here](#).



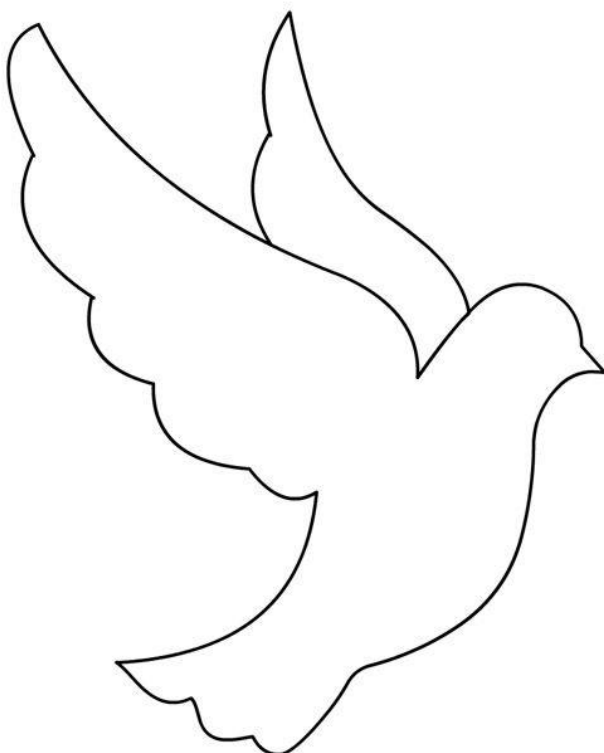
Looking back in time ...

Take some time to watch a video ([click here](#)) of a street party in the north east of England.

25 years ago there was also a large VE Day celebration in London ([click here](#)).

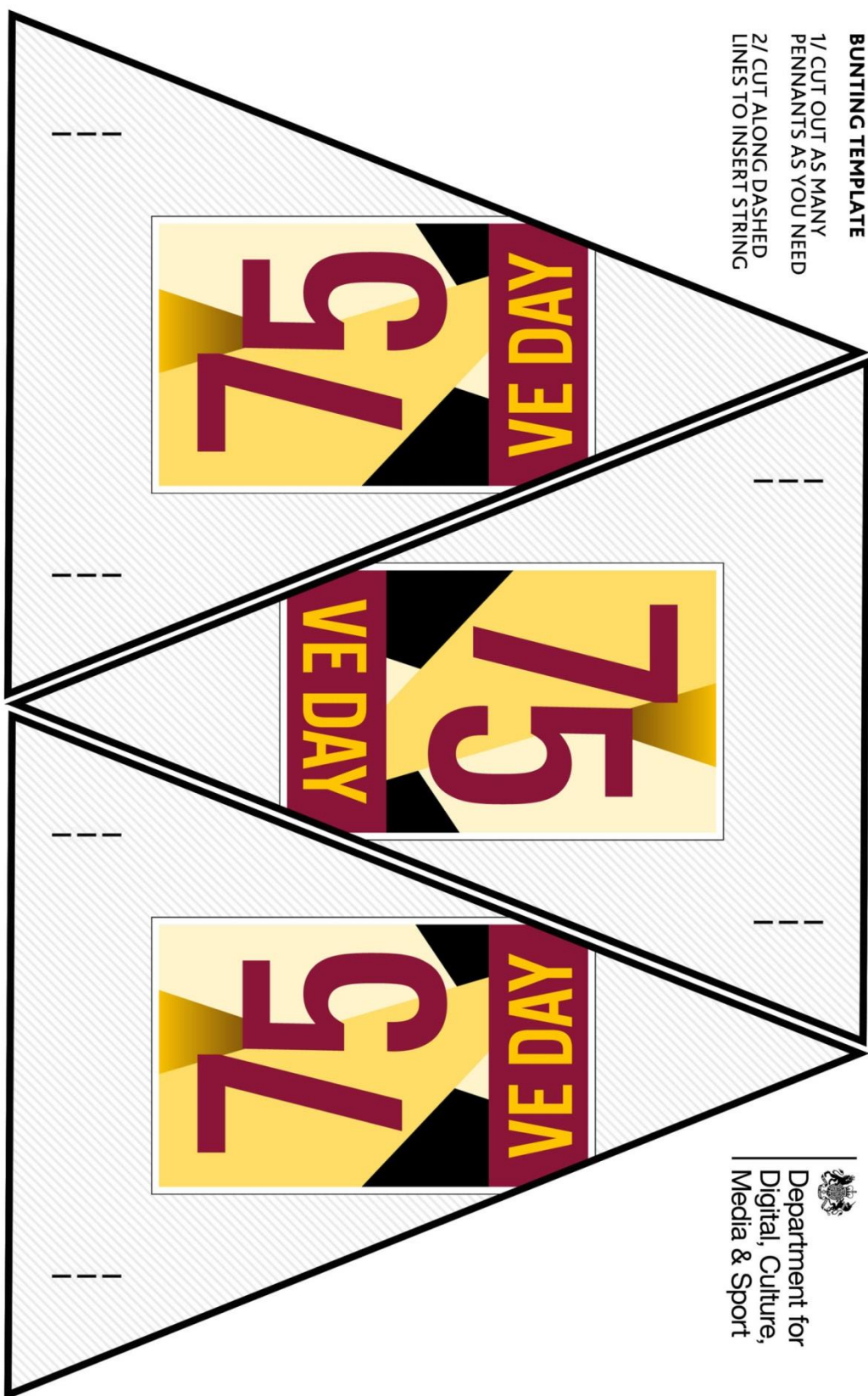
VE Day Peace Birds

Perhaps try making some VE Day peace bird bunting to celebrate the peace that was brought to Europe 75 years ago. The examples below show the amazing and colourful designs that pupils and their families could achieve.



Other Bunting

You may have a printer to print off the following bunting to decorate your window.



Other Challenges

#1- Photo re-creations



Following on from the recent art challenges, let's continue the theme of recreating images. Above are two of the most iconic images from the 20th century. The first image shows members of the royal family and the prime minister on VE Day 1945, waving to everybody from the balcony of Buckingham Palace. The second image is the then prime minister, The Honourable Winston Churchill speaking to the nation and the world.

Your challenge is to recreate this image from home. Feel free to get everybody involved!

If you would like to send in your images for us to celebrate, put any photographs of your challenges into the VE Day Google Slide in your History or Explore lesson on Google Classroom. If you and other people are happy for this image to be shared on our social media platforms/website, make a note alongside the photograph submission.

A selection of photographic entries will receive prizes.

Challenge #2- Rationing

Rationing meant that when The VE Day celebrations started there was little food for sale in the shops. This meant that everybody had to bring one item to the celebration. We would like you to try to have a go at this yourself. See if you can prepare an item of food with what is in your house ready for VE day on Friday 8th May. This could be anything from a sandwich to a Victoria sponge. Once you have finished take a picture of yourself with your food and send it in. We will put all the images together to create our own 'HMS VE Day celebration from our homes' display.



Challenge #3- Captain Tom



Captain Tom Moore, a war veteran, recently raised more than £30 million for NHS charities. He has inspired many people. During the Coronavirus lockdown other people have also taken on their own personal challenges.

Watch this [link](#) showing a recent interview of Captain Tom.

Physical Challenges for VE Day:

Think of a challenge that you could complete this week or even on VE Day. Below are some examples with the numbers linked to the 75th anniversary of VE Day:

- Captain Tom's Boot Camp (**75** sit ups, **75** press ups, **75** squats... and so on!)
- Ascend and descend **1945** steps
- Walk or run **75** laps of your garden

Send in photographs or video clips of you completing your own physical challenges.



May we all at HMS take this opportunity to wish you all a happy VE Day. **Stay safe at home!**