



I hope that everyone is keeping safe and well. School continues to be closed for all pupils other than children of Key workers and those children that have an EHCP or are vulnerable. If your child does fall in to one of those groups and you would like your child to attend school you must get in contact with the school office to book the days in school that you need to support you.

VE Celebrations

In more normal times we would have been marking the 75th Anniversary of VE day in school next week and there had been several different ideas of how we may have done this. However this important date can not go by unnoticed so we have put together some different activities that could be completed away from school to mark this significant date. These are on the second page of the newsletter.

Home Learning Team Update

Times Table Rock Stars Celebrations!

Something that we are all so proud of the children for is how many of them have been practising their times tables on Times Table Rock Stars each week as part of their Home Learning. Well done to everyone who has so far been practising, and if your child hasn't had a go yet please get involved! It's great fun and they can get brilliant at their times tables very quickly.

Here is how it works. For each multiplication your child answers correctly they win points called 'coins'. Then, they can 'spend' their coins in the Times Table Rock Stars shop, to buy their Rock Star avatar new hair cuts, sunglasses, musical instruments, outfits, back grounds and so on. This is not the only exciting part though, as classes are also having competitions against each other each week called The Battle of the Bands. The top three point scorers from each class in the battle are sent a certificate on eschools.

It is great to see that the children are improving their own scores each week, and that the scores in the Battles are getting better and better.

The winning classes from last week were 2C, 3/4A, 3/4H and 5W - well done to you all! The top class overall was 5W with 8374 points, which is a fantastic score. Well done to them, and to all the children who practised and took part in the battles.

Message from Thirsk Community Library

I am writing to tell you that our library volunteers are working with Community Works, our local Community Support Organisation to deliver library books to people at home.

We are doing this under strict hygiene conditions with just one volunteer selecting books, putting them in a bag and passing them to Community Works for delivery. Community Works has a team of volunteers, all trained and DBS checked who are making deliveries of essential items.

I would be very grateful if you could promote this service to your families, either by posting information on your website and in your regular newsletters or by speaking to families who may particularly benefit from some books.

People can order books via our website www.thirskcommunitylibrary.org.uk or our facebook page

They do not need to be a library member to take advantage of this service and there are no fines at present.

VE DAY

This week we thought that you could do a little project on WW2 and VE day. Here are some ideas for you to take a look at. Perhaps you might do your own booklet with chapters. You might do a contents page and even add a glossary and an index page. Above all, have fun! You can send what you have been up to our school e-mail address during this period.

Thirsk.Community.Primary@outlook.com. Alternatively, you can place your work in the portrait box outside our school. Finally, you can still send it to our school. We would love to create a display on your wonderful work!

Keep smiling and stay safe. Enjoy the bank holiday celebrating and remember those wonderfully brave people who went to war to protect us and our country! J

'Stay At Home' Street Party

Read this article on [Newsround](#) and look closely at the photographs. **How did people celebrate in 1945? Plan your own 'stay at home' street party.**

What games could be played? What decorations would be put up? What food would be eaten? Who would be there? Is there anyone in your family who went to a VE Day party you could speak to?

For something more simple, you could design your own **VE Day party invitation** or create your own **Union Jack flag bunting** or make a Union Jack flag out of Lego!



Understanding World War Two/VE Day

On 8th May 1945, Britain celebrated the end of World War Two. To understand why VE Day was so important, you need to understand WW2. Visit these sites to help in your research:

[Primary Homework Help - WW2](#)

[A Brief Overview of World War II](#) – Video

[BBC Teach - VE Day](#)

[What Is VE Day?](#)

Can you create a timeline of important events leading up to VE Day?

Crack The Codes

Phonetic Alphabet

The phonetic alphabet that was used in RAF transmissions during the war. Learn to spell your name using the phonetic alphabet e.g.

Ted = Tango Echo Delta

Morse Code

Morse code is a communication system that represents the alphabet and numbers with a series of dots, dashes or a combination of both as shown [here](#). Watch this video to find out more about [Morse Code](#).

Can you write a secret coded message for your family to crack?

A	Alfa	N	November
B	Bravo	O	Oscar
C	Charlie	P	Papa
D	Delta	Q	Quebec
E	Echo	R	Romeo
F	Foxtrot	S	Sierra
G	Golf	T	Tango
H	Hotel	U	Uniform
I	India	V	Victor
J	Juliett	W	Whisky
K	Kilo	X	X-ray
L	Lima	Y	Yankee
M	Mike	Z	Zulu

VE Day Songs

Try and learn the Horrible Histories [VE Day song](#) and perform it to your family.

Create your own motivational song. Listen to some of the following clips for inspiration. Click [here](#) to listen to some more traditional war time songs as well as the links below.

[Wartime song lyrics](#)

[Run, rabbit, run!](#)

[Long way to Tipperary/ Pack up your troubles](#)

[We'll meet again](#)

[The White Cliffs of Dover](#)



Learn [step-by-step](#) how to Swing dance (The Lindy Hop) which originated in the late 1920s and early 1930s in Harlem, New York City.

Make, Do and Mend

During WW2, there was a shortage of materials to make clothes. People were urged to "Make, do and mend".

Do you have any clothes or accessories that you could 'upcycle' into new clothing or something completely different to give it another purpose and a new lease of life?

Europe during the Second World War

Colour in the countries on the map ([here](#)) according to whether they were Allies, Axis, Axis controlled or Neutral.

You could print the map from Twinkl (code [UKTWINKLHELPS](#)) or create a list.

[NatGeo Kids - WW2 History](#)

Wartime Recipes

With one rationed egg and a packet of powdered milk in the larder, World War II's home cooks had to be creative. Find out what families were eating over 75 years ago.

Create some delicious meals using the recipe booklets below. You could serve them at your 'Stay at Home Street Party!'

[Wartime Recipe Booklet](#)

[Wartime Ration Recipes](#)

[WW2 Cake](#)

[Wartime Scones](#)

[Jam Tarts](#)



Winston Churchill

Who was Winston Churchill? Why do we remember him today? Produce a fact file/ poster displaying your information.

Create a mind map or list of facts about Winston Churchill.

What was his job?

Why was he so important during WW2?

What was one of his famous phrases?

Can you describe his characteristics?

Why he was important?

You can read more about Churchill using these links from [Twinkl](#) and [Ducksters](#). You may present this information in any way you choose or use this [template](#).



CHALLENGE: Can you learn Winston Churchill's [Victory speech](#) and record yourself presenting it?

Spitfire Science

Design and make your own Spitfire. You could make it out of paper, wood, recycled materials, etc. Test out your design. How far does it glide?

Does the material used for a paper plane affect the distance it travels? Try using newspaper, card, tinfoil, etc and carry out a test. Remember, only change ONE thing to make it a fair test.

