



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 Day Celebrations 75 Years!

The sun is shining and the bunting is up –sadly no street party, we hope that you have been able to mark this significant day in some way. Here are a couple of pictures from school:



Home School Calls

Over the coming fortnight we are going to making home calls to all of our families. Teachers will be ringing to say a 'Hello' and see how you are getting on. Calls will take place during normal school hours.

Free School Meal Vouchers

The voucher system is working much better now and everyone should have now received their vouchers, we have today issued vouchers for the next two weeks. If your family circumstances have changed and you feel you may be entitled to Free School Meals, contact school for an application form. Please contact the school office if you have any queries about the voucher scheme.

Home Learning Team Update

Thank you for all the self portraits they are all really good, have you seen the portraits of some of our teachers? Keep checking our website and Facebook for updates.

Question Time, Parental Home Learning Survey

We are carrying out a parental survey to gather the views of parents and carers about home learning. Home learning has now been running for 5 weeks (not including the Easter Holiday) and it would be really useful to us to gather some feedback in order to evaluate how well it is working and how we could improve what we are doing. The survey is on our school website. Click on the Parents tab and then select Home Learning Questionnaire. Or alternatively follow the link: https://www.thirsk-pri.n-yorks.sch.uk/website/parental_questionnaire/480460 The survey will run

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.

