

## Penguins Home Learning - 04.05.2020 - suggested timetable:

This week marks the celebration of VE day, the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and so Friday is a bank holiday. I'm sure year 5 remember this date from our WW2 study back in the Autumn term.

Due to the current circumstances, unfortunately celebrations are limited.

I would like to encourage the children to research further on VE day, and use the links to videos on the English planning on the next page to lead activities to celebrate this event.

Again it would be great to see pictures and videos on seesaw of the learning you are doing at home, whether it's baking or new skills, art work or fun videos and tutorials.

### EXCITING NEWS!

This week I will begin to share our class text, through a video on seesaw. I will record myself reading whilst showing the text for you to follow. This is the text that we had planned to use in year 5 and 6 and so will read part of this book each week. Make sure to read along and follow the text.



If you have any questions, please contact me on seesaw, I am happy to help.

Mr A

Time	Monday	TUESday	Wednesday	THURSDAY	Friday
<b>Before 9:00</b>	Get dressed, breakfast, teeth	Get dressed, breakfast, teeth	Get dressed, breakfast, teeth	Get dressed, breakfast, teeth	Get dressed, breakfast, teeth
<b>9:00 - 9:30</b>	Joe Wicks P.E. lesson <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAxW1XT0iEJo0TYIRfn6rYQ">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAxW1XT0iEJo0TYIRfn6rYQ</a>				
<b>9:30 - 9:50</b>	Corbett maths - daily tasks Complete the activity that matches todays date <a href="https://corbettmathsprimary.com/5-a-day/">https://corbettmathsprimary.com/5-a-day/</a>				
<b>9:50 - 10:35</b>	BBC Bitesize lesson 1 - Maths <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/tags/zhqppg8/year-5-lessons/1">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/tags/zhqppg8/year-5-lessons/1</a>				
<b>10:35 - 11:00</b>	Drink, fruit snack, seesaw daily message - upload any pictures, photos or videos, or comment on others work. Say hello to your classmates or start a new conversation!				
<b>11:00 - 11:20</b>	David Walliams audio books Listen to the 15-20 minute audio clips. Give each book a rating out of 5 <a href="https://www.worldofdavidwalliams.com/elevenses/">https://www.worldofdavidwalliams.com/elevenses/</a>				
<b>11:20 - 12:05</b>	Read the comprehension text <b>VE DAY</b> , and answer the questions (pg 2+3)	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sizo0APsLKY">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sizo0APsLKY</a> Listen to Winston Churchill's speech marking the surrender of Germany. Identify the 5W's and draft a newspaper report.	<a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/history-ks2-ve-day/z7xtmfr">https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/history-ks2-ve-day/z7xtmfr</a> Can you create your own televised news report? Collect the key information from the video, and make your own video where you are reading the news.	Can you find images that best represent VE day? How can a picture capture the feelings of the British public? Create a collage of celebration images.	Using the different images you collected yesterday, write a poem expressing the emotions of VE day, and giving thanks to the many sacrifices.
<b>12:05 - 1:05</b>	<b>Lunch</b> , walk, sports activity - try and get an action shot of yourself doing a sport!				
<b>1:05 - 1:35</b>	<b>House chores</b> - try and help keep the house tidy, learn new skills, wash cars, mow the lawn, and clean the windows. Take a picture or video and share it on seesaw.				
<b>1:35 - 2:25</b>	<b>Topic related tasks/ creative tasks/ BBC Bitesize lesson 3</b> - Choose which of the tasks you'd like to do. There are lots to choose from. <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/tags/zhqppg8/year-5-lessons/1">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/tags/zhqppg8/year-5-lessons/1</a>				
<b>2:25 - 3:05</b>	<b>Personal Practical task</b> - You could be working on a D.T. project, practise baking/ cooking meals, learning to dance, practising a musical instrument, working on art skills, learning a new language, doing yoga, making a video dairy each day, making a video teaching skills, building lego models, knitting/ sewing,				
<b>3:05 - 3:25</b>	Seesaw daily message - share your day with your classmates, see what everyone else has been up to. Comment on one another's posts. Start a quiz or a debate for everyone to join in!				
<b>3:25 - 4:00</b>	Calm Time Reading - Read a book, or listen to a book on audible: I recommend clicking on 'elementary' or 'tween' for an appropriate book. Listen to a chapter or two each day. <a href="https://stories.audible.com/discovery">https://stories.audible.com/discovery</a>				
<b>4:00 onwards</b>	Relax, play in the garden, communicate with friends and family members, switch off, listen to music.				

## What is VE Day?

VE Day stands for Victory in Europe Day, and is celebrated on the 8th May. It marked an end to the six years of suffering, misery but also endurance that defined the Second World War in Europe. Although it was not the end of the Second World War, it was the end of conflict in Europe.

## How did it happen?

Hitler was the dictator of Germany, who had instigated the Second World War. After Hitler's death on 30th April 1945, the German President of the Third Reich, Grand Admiral Donitz, ordered that General Jodl go to the American General Eisenhower's Head Quarters based in France and surrender to the Western and Russian officers, agreeing to all their demands, on the 7th May.

## The Announcement

The British people began celebrating as soon as they heard the news, although no official announcement had been made. Bell ringers in the churches around the country, were put on standby ready to ring out the good news when an official notice was given.

Joseph Stalin, the leader of the Russian's Communist Party, was reluctant to announce the surrender but the British Prime Minister, Winston Churchill, did not want to give Stalin the satisfaction of holding up what everyone already knew anyway! Churchill made the following announcement at 19.40, 7th May:



**"In accordance with arrangements between three great powers, tomorrow, Tuesday, will be treated as Victory in Europe Day and will be regarded as a holiday."**



## The Effects of War

In Britain, during the war in Europe, half a million homes were destroyed, thousands of civilians killed and millions of lives had been disrupted.



## Bring on the Celebrations!

People took to decorating the streets with banners, bunting and ribbons. They organised impromptu street parties where neighbours shared food, which was still rationed, and listened to the wireless news broadcasts.

King George VI and the Queen appeared eight times on the balcony of Buckingham Palace, and their two daughters, Princess Margaret and Princess Elizabeth - who is now Her Majesty the Queen - mingled amongst the crowds! Churchill told the crowds, "This is your victory!"

Churchill attended a celebratory lunch with King George VI then addressed the nation, reminding them that although Japan still

had to be defeated, Great Britain "May allow ourselves a brief period of rejoicing. God Save the King!"

## The End of the VE Day

At 21:00, King George VI made a final broadcast to the nation. Buckingham Palace was lit up in floodlights for the first time since the start of the war, and two searchlights formed a V, the sign of peace, above St Paul's Cathedral in London.

All the illuminations were turned off the next day.



Although everyone was relieved that the war in Europe had ended, for many the celebrations would have been bittersweet. The loss of many loved ones, either fighting abroad, captured by the enemy or those who died in air raids, meant that many people felt a certain anti-climax after the celebrations.

# Questions

1. Which negative words have been used to describe some of the effects of the fighting in Europe?

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2. What prompted the German surrender, and why do you think this was?

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3. Explain what it means when it says the bell ringers were "put on stand-by".

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4. What were some of the lasting effects on Britain, from the war?

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5. Explain how Stalin affected Churchill.

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6. What word has been used that means 'unplanned', and how does it relate to the sentence it is used in?

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7. Explain what the paragraph in italics is about.

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8. Why do you think it unusual that the princesses 'mingled with the crowd'?

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9. What two things did Churchill do on VE Day?

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10. How do you think people felt on the 9th May? Explain your thoughts.

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### Topic Activity 1: VE Day - baking/ cookery

On VE Day, families celebrated, whole communities came together and parties took place in the streets. People would prepare food (still following rationing) to share.

What WW2 VE day food can you prepare for your own VE day party?



### Topic Activity 2 - VE Day - challenge

During the war, morse code was an important way to communicate, especially within the army.

As part of our celebrations, can you create morse code letters? Use the video link below to learn a bit more.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iy8BaMs\\_JuI&t=16s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iy8BaMs_JuI&t=16s)

Can you write your own message using morse code? Share it on seesaw for others to work out your message.

### Creative Activity 1:

To mark the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE day, the day that Germany surrendered from WW2, people are showing their support by hanging a 'Tommy' in the window.

Due to lockdown, people cannot celebrate this historic milestone with street parties, as they would have done on 8<sup>th</sup> May, 1945.

Can you create a Tommy to hang in your window and show your support and recognition of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE day?

Please take pictures and upload them to seesaw, so they can be shared with others.



### Creative Activity 2

Make your own bunting to mark the celebrations of VE day, and decorate your house/ room with British flag bunting.



Union Flag bunting

