

English Week 5 (WB: 4.5.2020)

This Friday is the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of V.E. day. This week's English will have a focus on World War 2 and VE day.

Have a look at this video (<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/history-ks2-ve-day/z7xtmfr>), it's a lovely overview of the events leading up to V.E. day and the things which took place on the day itself.

There are a few writing activities related to the video you could have a go at:

- Using the information in the video and your own research, can you write a diary from the point of view of a child on V.E. day?
- The video talks about special newspapers which were printed to commemorate VE day. Why don't you have a go at writing your own special newspaper to commemorate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of V.E. day? You might include a summary of why VE day is important and also some current news articles.
- Make a cartoon strip about the man delivering the papers and restarting the bonfires when he was a child.

You could make a family tree and try to work out who in your family would have been alive on V.E. day. See if you can find out if they were part of the war effort and what they did. If they were too young to be a part of the war effort see if you can find out where they lived and where they went to school. You could call or FaceTime grandparents and other family members and see what they can remember of their parents or perhaps you have great grandparents you can speak to. There are lots of videos about Great Yarmouth on YouTube which explain a lot about what life was like during ww2. This is a lovely video of a local lady talking about her experiences:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E829FeJvjlk>

Present your findings in some way. You might decide to write a non-chronological report, you could film yourself talking about what you have found out or you could even make a PowerPoint presentation.