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THE 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY IS VE DAY. THIS YEAR IS THE 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF WWII.

WHAT DOES 'VE' STAND FOR?

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WHAT DOES IT CELEBRATE?





- On May 8<sup>th</sup> in the year that WWII ended the Germans surrendered to the Allies.
- They agreed that they had lost the war and that the fighting should stop.
- Millions of people had died in WWII so everyone was really happy that the fighting was over.





- Many people found out about it because the church bells started ringing.
- Why would church bells spread the news?

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- Lots of people came out onto the street dressed in red, white and blue. –Why these colours?
  - They held parties in the street to celebrate with everyone that the war was over.







- Because of rationing there wasn't lots of food for sale so everyone coming to the party had to bring something.

- The King and Queen waved to everyone from the balcony of Buckingham palace.
  - Our current Queen and her sister went out and joined the party in the street! No-one knew who they were!
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- Winston Churchill went on the radio and told everyone about Germany surrendering. At the end of his speech he said “This is your victory... Advance Britannia”.
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- Everyone stayed up and there were bonfires and fireworks to celebrate.



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- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gtzrA2VfV7E>





# POSTCARD TASK

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- Would you like to write a 'Postcard from the Past'
- Imagine you were at the first VE day and heard the news that the war had ended.
- What might you tell your family about what you heard? What you did? What you ate?
- Draw a picture on the reverse showing what happened.

