

ISLA
8th May 1945

Victory is ours let us rejoice

My Friends, this is our day, our hour. Let us rejoice! The time, the effort our brave soldiers put into fighting. The time, the effort our selfless soldiers gave to our great nation. Their efforts have been rewarded; the war is over in Europe! Germany has surrendered!

We must give thanks to our soldiers who fought so valiantly and the tireless women who kept our nation running. And let us not forget our allies - the French, Americans, Soviets - who helped us defeat tyranny. Let us not forget the many fearless and faithful soldiers who risked or lost their lives for our nation.

The bombs came down, but did we think of quitting? [NO!] We never surrendered to our enemies and we will not surrender to the many challenges ahead - rebuilding our bombed cities and re-supplying our food stock. While our loved ones may take time to come home and our food may still need to be rationed, do we give up? [NO!]. However, for now, we deserve to celebrate!

At 1-minute past midnight we declare victory. Victory is ours! God save the King!

Year 5 learned a lot about VE day. They researched why we had a bank holiday and learnt about the celebrations and speeches that were made on May 8th 1945.

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Thursday 7th May 2020
I.E. To write your own speech as if you are Winston Churchill declaring the news of the end of the war in Europe on VE Day.
Good afternoon, my dear friends. I here to celebrate the great news with you.
Yesterday morning 2.45am, Germany signed for an 'unconditional surrender'. Hostilities will end at precisely one minute past midnight on Tuesday May 8.
You may celebrate for a brief period of time for we must remember that there lie many toils ahead. Despite our victory against Germany, treacherous Japan, however, industries furthermore, food and other supplies will not magically appear. Rations will carry on for a little longer. Some soldiers will be able to return immediately as they need care, or need to assist others. To those of you who have lost your homes, will need some time to rebuild not only homes, but most country.
As you can see, there is a lot to do before we can truly celebrate. God save the King!

Thursday 7th May 2020
I.E. To write your own speech as if you are Winston Churchill declaring the news of the end of the war in Europe on VE Day.
After 6 long years suffering with painful losses of life and property. Finally we have triumphed over the evil of Nazi Germany and helped restore order to the people of the world. We should come together to celebrate our happiness, joy and relief and our thanks that the sacrifices we have all made resulted in a great triumph. We must remember though that this is not the end. Our injuries remain spread across many parts of the world and will not be home any time soon. Rebuilding will take time. Rationing will continue until we can produce and get more food. But we are free from tyranny and can move away from those dark days to happiness which we can all share together.
Together we see good triumph over evil, our societies turn to celebration and world order restored. We will remain strong through the continued adversity to emerge victorious.

This is Your Day 8th May 1945

BY MILES

My dearest friends, today this bloody War has come to an end. Hostilities will officially end at one-minute past midnight tonight. We have suppressed tyranny in every way possible and today is Victory in Europe! It is our Nation's victory. Let us rejoice and have peace between other Nations once more!

Our Nation has remained in good hands with our industrious women replacing our dauntless men at war in the factories and the fields. Let us remember our fearless soldiers and our loyal allies, fighting beside us. This day will be known as VE Day. The horrific, horrendous, hideous war over and we deserve to celebrate.

Unfortunately, we will have to ration our supplies for some time to come, but I strongly believe that we will get back to full health in no time. We will build our cities taller, stronger, bigger than before. We will plough our fields and expand our factories and rebuild

They included many features such as repetition, emotive language, rhetorical questions and rousing conclusions.

Using their learning of persuasive writing and speeches children in Year 5 used Winston Churchill's famous speech to the British people as inspiration for their own speeches.



Rufus's great grandmother worked in London at the time of VE day and wrote a diary entry describing her feelings and activities.



Bluebell's great uncle received the Victoria Cross from King George VI, who was ill in bed!

Tuesday 8th May, V.E. Day

At last the war is over!! It has been on ever since I left school! Up early and went out shopping with Mum. Queued for fish. Put up flags. Toasted victory in homemade cider. At 12:00 George and I went to Church to a Thanksgiving Service. After dinner went for a walk, up Hollow and along Miss James' Walk. Flags everywhere - many upside down. After tea, cut out and tacked a skirt. Went down to bonfire at Border Road at 10.00 p.m. It went up with a beautiful blaze. Firework display and singing round an old piano till midnight.