



Dear Children,
Good morning! Tomorrow is the Bank Holiday to celebrate VE day - we will not be setting you any learning activities again until Monday!

How did you get on with yesterday's song? We had lots of fun singing it really loudly. We also sang Happy Birthday to Mrs Martin - she made us some birthday cake to eat - how kind is that?

I am keeping everything crossed for the sun to shine over the long weekend - my bunting is sorted - Olly and Anna and I made it a few years ago when we had a street party and we have looked after it really carefully and ironed it just for the occasion. In our street, we are going to have afternoon tea at 4 p.m. in our front gardens or drives - do you have any plans? I hear that lots of roads in Codicote are going to have garden parties in their own front gardens.

When we come back to school, I think we will have to have a late VE day celebration to add to the Talent Show, Hot Cross Buns, singing the Chocolate Song and ... shhh - don't tell your grown ups, in case they think we are not going to be doing lots of work because we are going to be too busy having lots of fun!



We have lots of birthdays coming up this weekend! Happy Birthday today to Oliver BL and Pippa! Tomorrow, Evan and Lockie will be celebrating their birthdays! We hope you all have a lovely day!



Our thought for today is: Give thanks, with a grateful heart.



Song for today: Keep the Home Fires Burning - this is a song from the First World War, but I know how much we enjoy singing it together! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vEzwTPPHx50>
And of course, the National Anthem!



Today's challenge: Design a special cake to celebrate VE day. You may want to think of a design based on peace, bravery, heroes, medals or an idea of your own!

Today, we have a very special message from Mrs Barber:

Over this weekend of commemorating the 75th Anniversary of VE Day I decided to look back through my photos of when Codicote celebrated the 50th Anniversary of VE Day. This was over the weekend of Friday 5th to Monday 8th May 1995.

To start the weekend the school held a VE Day assembly on the Friday afternoon. The Parish Council then presented all the pupils with a special £2 VE Day commemorative coin.



On Sunday there was a Church Parade from the Peace Memorial Hall up to the church and then a VE Day service.

Monday started off with a pram race along the High Street. After that there were stalls set up on The

Green and a little later we all joined in a village street party from The Green and up Heath Lane behind the Red House. Some of us had a second street party in our roads in the evening.



Perhaps some of your grown ups shared their memories and photos with you too. I hope you all enjoy this Bank Holiday weekend despite all the celebrations having to be very different this time.

Hope to see everyone again soon,
Love from Mrs Barber.

Thanks to Mrs Barber for sharing some Codicote History with us.

I hope you have a lovely long weekend and look forward to the week of learning ahead starting on Monday!

Love from Mrs Pollard xx

Read on for messages from your teachers ...

Hello again Nursery,

During the 2nd World War, aeroplanes were very important in protecting Britain. If you were in the Royal Air Force or the RAF, you might have been a pilot and flown a plane. You could have a go at making a paper aeroplane - instructions [here](https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/t2-d-023-how-to-make-a-paper-aeroplane)

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You could try to make your plane look like one of those that flew in the war by colouring it in.

Will you make a 'Spitfire' like this:



Or a Hurricane Hawker:



Can you spot any similarities or differences?

How far does your plane fly? Maybe you could have a competition with your family to see whose goes the furthest. Is there a way to make your plane fly further? Try different ways of throwing it. Which works best? You might find that putting something on the nose (like a paperclip or a blob of blu-tac) helps. The navy were another important part of the Armed Forces. They sailed ships. Could you make a ship from junk modelling materials? What would you like your ship to look like? What will you need to join your materials together? Or you could make one out of a piece of newspaper.

Does your ship float? Test it in the sink or bath. Can you find other things that float or sink?

If you planned to do any baking for your VE day picnic then today might be a good day to do it. Follow the recipe with your grown-up and help to weigh out the ingredients.

The VE day celebrations are about being thankful for the end of the war and saying thank you to those who fought in it. What are you thankful for? Talk to your grown-ups about it. You could draw a picture to show what you are thankful for.

I hope you have a lovely weekend and if you've chosen to have a VE day celebration then have fun. Send me some photos.

Love from Mrs Foster



Dear Reception,

Tomorrow is V.E. day.

Here is a link to CBBC which helps explain a bit more about what it means.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/48201749>

I am going to decorate the front of my house in red, white and blue. I have found lots of flags and some bunting. I wonder how many flags you will be able to count this weekend?

It is the end of another busy week of home / school learning. I am so proud of all the work, photographs and pictures you keep sending me every day. What a lucky teacher I am!

Mrs Williams says "hello" - I keep sending her pictures of the lovely things you are doing.



I have put a fun activity for you to do tomorrow in your home / school learning pack. Can you make a paper plate sun hand-print? You could then put it up in your window for everyone to see. Perhaps you could put it near your rainbow if you have one of those in your window.

So here it is your giant weekend challenge.....

Can you count the number of flags you can see out of your window or from your door?

Have fun

Love Mrs Pyle and Mrs Williams xx

Hello Year 1!

It's Thursday! The last day before Bank Holiday tomorrow!

How are we all doing today? What exercise have you been doing? Miss Bass



is still running lots and is enjoying seeing all the beautiful trees and hearing the birds!

Mrs Mansell sent me a beautiful picture of a rainbow that she made and said "Dear children, I hope you are still challenging your parents with all your academic and project work! As you can see I designed my rainbow, but I only had red, blue and yellow. Can you remember what colours I had to mix together to get Orange, Green, Purple? I hope to see some of your rainbows when I go for a walk. Love Mrs Mansell.

Today's work is to carry on with your dragon project. Draw a small village. Think about the one we saw at Mountfitchet castle, what important buildings are in your village? Maths today is to use leaves and stones to make the number bonds in your garden. (1 leaf 9 stones). We would love to

see, so if you can take a picture and send it to us! Your afternoon work is to have a look at an insect. How do they walk? Can they fly?

Have a fabulous day and remember no work tomorrow! How will you celebrate VE day? Do you have any bunting that you made from Mrs Pollard's challenge or maybe you could have a little party with your family?

Have a good weekend

Mr Massey and Miss Bass



Good Morning children!!

Another Thursday and this is the end of the learning week for you! It's a special day tomorrow. Can you tell me about it on the google stream? Is anyone doing anything special tomorrow? I am going to have tea and cake in my garden and then I am going to stand on my

door step and sing a song with all the people down my road! It's going to be lots of fun!!

I shall be looking forward to hearing all about your weekend on Monday! I had better go now and let you get on with your learning....but just before you go..... Yep here we go again!!!!

Why didn't the cake make it on time to the party? It was choco-LATE.

See you in a bit..... firework rocket...

Love Miss Grainger x



P.S Remember to water your plants over the weekend!!

Hello Year Three,

Each morning, the birds have been singing so loudly. I like opening the windows and listening to them. I wonder if they have formed a choir? They are almost as good as the Codicote school choir. This week I've seen a hedgehog and a fox too. The hedgehog was very cute, snuffling about, eating some slugs.

I think the animals are quite enjoying everyone staying inside and there being less cars and planes. Having less noise and pollution is so good for our planet. I hope when everything goes back to normal that everyone tries to take good care of nature. I'm sure all of you will!



I am putting up some bunting today - ready to celebrate VE Day tomorrow. Our bunting is based on a story book. Can you guess which one it is?

Looking at all the pictures on it is making me hungry so I think I'm going to try out the flapjack recipe I shared earlier in the week. Hopefully, there will be some left over for tomorrow but I may have to hide them from Mr Wood and Arthur to make sure.

Here is a silly joke:

Why do we put candles on top on cakes?

Because it is too hard to put them on the bottom!

Have a great bank holiday,

Love from Mrs Wood and Mrs Broad

Happy Thursday Year 4,

It was lovely to see all the different things you were able to find out about VE Day and the activities you chose to do. I am sure your houses will look beautiful with the bunting, planes, posters and medals you made and you will enjoy celebrating VE Day tomorrow. If you made any tasty treats to share with your families, I hope you all enjoy them.

Isn't it wonderful to see the sunshine and perfect blue sky? I am delighted to hear about all the walks, runs and cycle rides you are going on. You are going to come back to school super fit which is fantastic. I am also pleased to know that some of you have found bluebell woods to walk in - I am really missing seeing the bluebells this year, as we are surrounded by farmland rather than woods. I love my drive into Codicote each week as I pass the carpet of blue near Langley, but it is not the same as walking through them.

I hope you enjoy your day today and look forward to seeing all your animations on Purple Mash. Maybe you can design a VE Day themed animation?

Make sure you relax and have fun over the bank holiday weekend. Be ready to share all the exciting news on Monday morning in our class chat. Missing you all.

Lots of love

Mrs Mesher xxx

Dear Year 5

In Art today, I'm sending you on a textile treasure hunt! I hope you enjoy searching around your house for different textures, and I can't wait to see your finished pictures.

Tomorrow, we have a bank holiday. It is unusual to have a bank holiday on a Friday, but we are celebrating VE Day. On 8th May 2020, it will be 75 years since the guns fell silent at the end of the war in Europe. Unfortunately, all the celebrations that were going to take place have been cancelled, but you may hear of a special toast at 3pm, where people are going to have a drink, and say the following words "To those who gave so much, we thank you."

I wonder if you will be joining in?

Enjoy your long weekend.

From

Mrs Gloyn

Hi Year 6,

Another school week comes to an end as tomorrow is a Bank Holiday to commemorate 'Victory in Europe' Day (VE Day).

We have some exciting challenges lined up for you today. Maths and English lessons on The Oak National Academy continue and our story writing should now be starting. Please submit the work you have done on your stories each day so that I can give you feedback and point out how to improve what you have written.

Little Known Facts - Day 7 - 7th May - VE Day

On this day in 1945, the unconditional German surrender to the Allies was signed by General Alfred Jodl at Rheims. (You probably know this already).

And:

In 2003, on this day, Arsenal thrash Southampton 6-1 at Highbury to start the Gunners' amazing English record 49-game unbeaten streak which ends on 24th October 2004. (You should be aware of this).

You have had yet another amazing week and we are one week closer to being back at school- so hopefully not too long now.

Enjoy your extended weekend.

Mr B x

Hi all,

Happy Thursday! Guess what? We do not have to do school work tomorrow!! We have a day off to celebrate the peace after years of war when Germany surrendered. Some of you have said you are doing a street party, with social distance guidelines in place (of course). Is your street doing a party? If not here are some lovely ideas for VE day you can do at home with your family, <https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/siteassets/home/visit/ve-day-75/eh-ve-day-at-home-pack.pdf>. I also have a picture of a traditional 40's dancing, the Lindy Hop, with typical steps you can try at home, give it a go with the whole family, I would love to see pictures or videos, attach it to your stream or email me; mdoran@codicoteprimary.com .

Or you can copy these Just Dances that use this style.

Lindy Hop Dances to copy. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vYzVY_E0A +
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zw9b4mswmXc>

Keep fit and healthy. See you soon
Love Mel

Just Dance Songs-

- Talk- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l6qy3iPG6e8>
- In the hall of the pixel king-
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uRhsDhUhTZM>
- Wake me up before you go go -
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8WZCg7jft5k>

