

Thursday 7th May:

Happy Thursday everyone! Today, our work is related to VE Day – a day where we remember the end of World War Two and all those brave men and women who gave their lives for our country.

We hope you have a lovely Bank Holiday and weekend – stay safe, we miss you all.



Daily reading

Why not read this first-hand account by Dennis Leonard Griffiths who was a member of the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry:

Location of story:

Northern France near Cheux

Date: June 16th, 1944

Location: Newhaven, Sussex

Today is my 21st birthday but no cards. Attended church service (six of us).

First V1 (Doodle Bug) over camp that night.

June 23rd: Embarked for Normandy pm.

June 24th: Arrived on beaches mid-day. Came ashore with the sea up to my chest. Flying Fortress in flames above our heads - seven parachutes. This was a good start of what was due to come. Marched five miles inland; clothes were now dry - a very hot day! Roads strewn with burnt out vehicles of all description.

June 25th: A day of rest, so they decided to hold a kit inspection, not enthusiastically received!

June 26th: Night time advance to the scene of action. Plenty of noise from tanks and gunfire. Not very much sleep.

June 27th: Reached our objective - a village called Cheaux. Our position in an orchard was then 'visited' by five German tanks; we thought they were British! I was in charge of a PIAT (Platoon Infantry Anti Tank gun). It was pretty useless against the Tiger tanks. We had a very lucky escape - the same tanks entered the village where the Battalion Commanding Officer was killed. I helped to dig his grave.

June 28th: Took up new position some miles further inland. Occupied German slit trenches were well dug.

June 29th: Pleasant surprise. Received 8 21st birthday cards. I had my first bath in eleven days - a large tarpaulin filled with three feet of water. Officers and NCOs first, then other ranks - the scum was about three inches deep!

June 30th: Plenty of German mortars. Refugees came through our lines. Many corpses of dead cattle in surrounding fields.

July 1st: Hige bomber raid on Caen. We were about four miles away. Not much sleep that night.

July 5th: Our objective was to capture a prominent hill called 112, now named 'Cornwall Hill'. After advancing with many casualties we held our position. The countryside was much the same as Somerset and Devon. Corfields were a big problem as they 'housed' many German snipers. All the time mortar bombs called 'Moaning Minnies' because of the noise they made rained down on us.

July 6th: Two of my companions and myself were hit by shrapnel. Managed to reach a field hospital and after examination were evacuated to Portsmouth hospital and later transferred to Glasgow where we were operated on.

For the record

Hill 112 was finally taken by our Division (43rd Wessex) on July 29th, having changed hands many times at a colossal loss of life. From my battalion of nine hundred men only 75 survived and I was of the lucky ones.

Year 6 Book Group

I would like you to read chapters **six and seven** of **Orphans of the Tide** by **Struan Murray** (make sure you have a biscuit and a drink when you are reading). Perhaps read it out loud to an adult – what do they think of the story?

Daily Maths

VE Day Maths:

Using the following price list can you answer the questions below?



**Royal engineers, Platoon 4:
Lieutenant's Order Form:**

2 pairs of socks and 1 flashlight issued to sapper Troy.
Total:

1 pair of boots, 1 helmet and 2 ration packs issued to Lance corporal Jenkins.
Total:

1 pair of trousers, 1 gas mask and 1 compass issued to Sergeant Johnson.
Total:

1 entrenching tool, 1 canteen and 1 light trench coat issued to sapper Brown.
Total:

	<p>1 parachute, 1 gas mask and 2 pairs of socks issued to sapper Moise. Total:</p> <p>5 shirts and 3 pairs of trousers to be issued to D section. Total:</p> <p>1 carrier bag, 1 helmet and 1 entrenching tool to be issued to sapper Braggs and sapper White (each).</p> <p>1 light trench coat, 2 ration packs and 1 pair of boots to be issued to Sergeant Digby. Round this to the nearest pound.</p> <p>1 gas mask, 1 helmet to be issued to staff Sergeant Pierce. Round this to the nearest tenth. Bonus:</p> <p>How much did sapper Troy and Sergeant Johnson’s kit cost altogether?</p> <p>How many gas masks were ordered altogether?</p> <p>What was the total cost of the lieutenant’s order? Write your answer in numbers and in words.</p> <p>If the platoon budget was £1200. How much money is left?</p>
<p>Daily English</p>	<p>During our Enquiry in Term 2 – How do we cope in a crisis? – we learnt a little bit about VE Day and we celebrated it in the Blue Room after a morning of baking.</p> <p>Today, we would like you to watch the following clips if you can or read the following information.</p> <p>After that, you have a choice of what you would like to do to celebrate VE Day. You may want to make some bunting, do some WW2 cookery, write a newspaper report about VE Day, make a movie about VE Day ... the ideas are endless.</p> <p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/history-ks2-ve-day/z7xtmfr</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NEavcsrMoMw</p> <p>May 8th 1945 was the date the Allies celebrated the defeat of Nazi Germany and the end of Adolf Hitler’s Reich, formally recognising the end of the Second World War in Europe. This became known as VE (Victory in Europe) Day.</p> <p>The Allies had begun to overrun Germany from the west during April, as Russian forces advanced from the east. On 25th April 1945, Allied and Soviet forces met at the Elbe River, the German Army was all but destroyed.</p> <p>Five days later, Hitler killed himself. His successor, Admiral Karl Doenitz, sent General Alfred Jodl to General Dwight Eisenhower’s Supreme Allied Headquarters in Rheims to seek terms for an end to the war. At 2:41 a.m. on 7th May, General Jodl signed the unconditional surrender of German forces, which was to take effect from 8th May at 11:01 p.m.</p> <p>After six years and millions of lives lost, the Nazis were crushed and the war in Europe was finally over.</p> <p>It was on this date that great celebrations took place across Europe and North America: in London over a million people celebrated Victory in Europe (VE) Day. Crowds massed in Trafalgar Square and up the Mall to Buckingham Palace, where King George VI and Queen Elizabeth, accompanied by the Prime Minister Winston Churchill, appeared on the balcony of the Palace to cheering crowds. Amongst those crowds Princess Elizabeth (the future Queen Elizabeth II) and her sister, Princess Margaret blended anonymously, apparently enjoying the celebrations for themselves first hand.</p> <p>The Allies had originally agreed to mark 9th May 1945 as VE day, but eager western journalists broke the news of Germany’s surrender prematurely, thus signalling the earlier celebration. The Soviets kept to the agreed date, and Russia still commemorates the end of the Second World War, known in Russia as the Great Patriotic War, as Victory Day on 9th May.</p> <p>The Allied victory over Japan was known as VJ Day, did not take place until some months later on 15th August 1945.</p>

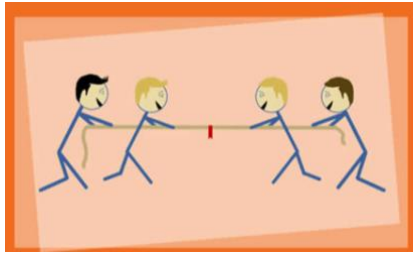
Well-being

Can you learn the Horrible Histories VE Day song?

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/watch/horrible-histories-songs-ve-day-song>

Problem of the day

Yesterday's Puzzle:



Oliver > John > Thomas > Jacob

Today's Puzzle:

WWII PHONETIC ALPHABET

To avoid confusion from letters which sound alike, the military introduced a phonetic alphabet in WWII where letters were pronounced as distinctive words. For example, the word "Navy" would be "Nan Able Victor Yoke". The following phonetic alphabet was used throughout WWII, but was later replaced by a NATO set in 1957

Can you learn to spell your name using the phonetic alphabet:

- A Able
- B Baker
- C Charlie
- D Dog
- E Easy
- F Fox
- G George
- H How
- I Item
- J Jig
- K King
- L Love
- M Mike
- N Nan
- O Oboe
- P Peter
- Q Queen
- R Roger
- S Sugar
- T Tare
- U Uncle
- V Victor
- W William
- X X-ray
- Y Yoke
- Z Zebra

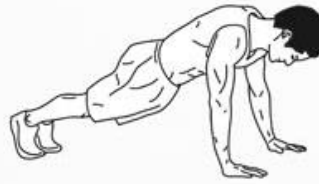
Healthy Me

Here's some Military Fitness for you to do!

Do each one for 20 seconds-then repeat the sequence



squat hold



plank hold



push-up hold



single leg squat hold

1/2 time each leg



one arm plank hold

1/2 time each arm



one arm side plank hold

1/2 time each arm

The activities below are supplementary and can be used to further extend learning opportunities whilst at home.

Home Learning

Please look at your Home Learning grid, visit the school website at <https://www.newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk/> and go to the tab **Classes** and click on your class.

Please plan and complete these activities throughout the duration of the school closure.

Termly Spellings

Please take time to learn spellings for future weeks and to re-visit past spellings. These can be found on the school website at <https://www.newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk/> and go to the tab **Classes** and click on your class.

Also, you can learn the Year 5/6 statutory words that we have provided for you. Concentrate on the spellings that you know you find tricky.

Remember the ways in which we practice them each week in class:

- Writing them forwards and backwards
- Writing the vowels in a different colour
- Write them in a pyramid shape
- Look, write, cover, check
- Each letter could be a different colour
- You could also find out their meaning by using a dictionary.
- Can you write each one in a sentence?

National Curriculum Word Lists

Look in your Reading Log and find all of the spellings for your year group. How many of these can you learn? Can you write a sentence using the words?

Curriculum Overview	<p>Take time to look at the Curriculum Overview for your year group. This can be found on the school website at https://www.newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk/ Go to the tab Key Information, go down the menu on the left hand side to Curriculum, go to Termly Overview and click on the one for your year group.</p> <p>Talk to a grown up at home and decide on an aspect you would like to find out more about. This means that when you come back to school, you will be able to share something new.</p>
Useful websites	Please see the useful websites list.
<p><i>Well done for trying all of these areas of learning. Please can I ask that your parent sends a few lines in an email to let me know what you have completed today</i></p> <p><i>All Year 6 communication to go through this email:</i></p> <p>6b@newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk</p> <p><i>Please look out for tomorrow's learning, from Mrs Amor and Mrs Button.</i></p>	