

75th Anniversary of VE Day

8th May 1945—8th May 2020

VE day is, without a doubt, one of the most important dates in our history. As you know, this year will be the 75th Anniversary of VE day (Victory in Europe Day) which marked the end of the Second World War. The day will be commemorated this Friday with a special Bank Holiday. At Rackham, we believe that it is vital that our children understand the history of the United Kingdom, and WW2 is an important part of that. However, we felt that in the current circumstances, it would be unsuitable for us to teach the children in an age appropriate way when usual teacher/pupil interactions cannot be replicated and we are therefore not able to answer questions which naturally arise. However, if you feel that you would like to give your children a more detailed insight into the reason behind our Bank Holiday this week, please feel free to use the suggestions below.

Please note, as advised by the National Curriculum, we teach WW2 as a detailed topic in Year 5/6.

Many of you will have seen this promoted on social media.

This nationwide 'stay at home' street party may allow communities to feel connected whilst adhering to social distancing rules.



Useful Websites:

newsround

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

An article for KS2 children which explains what VE Day means and why we people celebrated.

Teach

BBC teach video explaining about VE day, aimed at KS2.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/history-ks2-ve-day/z7xtmfr>



ELY MUSEUM
AT THE OLD GAOL

Ely Museum have put together a page with information and activities suitable for most age groups.

www.elymuseum.org.uk/uncategorised/museumfromhome-ve-day/



Mrs Harrison will be releasing a special VE Day themed assembly on her youtube channel.

Search for:



Headteacher Harrison



Go to our school youtube channel to find a special video created by Mrs Deery to link local history with VE Day. Thank you Mrs Deery!

Search for:



Rackham C. of E. Primary School
81 subscribers



If you go past the school gates, look out for a special banner created by the children of Key Workers who are being cared for by staff at school. Well done!

