**English Speaking and Listening / History / Citizenship / Other suggested activities**

I know Mr Cairns has sent out some suggestions for activities and links / sites of other resources as part of some whole school activities in relation to the upcoming 75th Anniversary of VE Day celebrations and these are to accompany them.

Within English, ‘Speaking and Listening’ is an integral part of the curriculum and there would be occasions in school when we would do work such as this to learn via discussions about various topics. As such, I am linking some of the suggested English activities with this History & Citizenship based work for this coming week.

I hope you and your children will find some of the resources useful for finding out both about VE Day itself as well as the 75th Anniversary celebrations; watching and reading to find out about both and then to take time at home to talk about them together in your family.

I know that there may be family members and their personal histories that relate to this, as well as plans within the village for celebrations that you may be a part of this week.

**Please feel free to use these resources as you wish – sharing, talking and experiencing this occasion in History (with some knowledge of the reasons for it) is the most important learning that your child will undertake this week.**

***\*\**If you are wanting advice about how to structure learning and discussions; I would suggest using these resources about VE day itself first:**

* **What is VE Day? Powerpoint** (the KS2 Discussion worksheet accompanies this)
* **The Royal British Legion (RBL) resources** (these were designed to be used in school assemblies but they have useful information and some ideas of questions that could be used to start discussions)

These sites / resources are also suitable:

* **Newsround article:**

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

* **BBC Teach video (includes eyewitness account)**

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

* **British Pathe News (actual newsreel clips from VE Day / celebrations – search tool)**

[https://www.britishpathe.com/search/query/VE+day](https://www.britishpathe.com/search/query/VE%2Bday)

**\*\*It would be best to supervise your child when searching this site – there are other newsclips from other events e.g. war reports, tragic events etc. that you may prefer them not to see**

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* **For more ‘formal’ learning, the ‘Differentiated Reading Factfile’ resources have Reading Comprehension style questions (with sets of answers to accompany them!)**

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* **The ‘75th Anniversary Powerpoint’ has information pertaining more specifically to the upcoming VE Day celebration**