Week 3 History: VE day

On the 7th of May 1945, Germany surrendered (gave up fighting the war) to Western and Russian military commanders. The next day, **the 8th of May,** was declared as the official day of celebration. People all over Europe were tired of years of hardship and bombing, they wanted to return to a normal life again.

In London, tens of thousands of people came into the city centre. They listened to a speech by Prime Minister Winston Churchill in Trafalgar Square which was delivered over the radio through huge loudspeakers. People across the UK put up flags, banners and streamers were everywhere. There were parties, fireworks, and some people wore **red, white and blue** rosettes. We still celebrate VE day today as sign of continued peace and we remember those across Europe who fought in WWII. Read more about VE day here: historyforkids.net/ve-and-vj-days.html and https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/48201749

Your choice of tasks:

1. Create your own speech as if you are Winston Churchill declaring the news (remember the types of persuasive language that need to go in a speech)!
    a. Watch his speech to see what it was like
        https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NEavcsrMoMw
    b. Look at persuasive writing techniques https://youtu.be/Mlka2xBvV5Q
2. Create a V day poem or an acrostic poem
3. Make a PowerPoint about the 75th VE Day and why it is special

Bletchley Park in Milton Keynes was once the top-secret home of the World War Two Codebreakers. It is now a large attraction for visitors and they are organising a special event for the 75th VE Day this Friday!

You can read on their website https://bit.ly/2Sb5oSV how they are celebrating with a special speech and you could do this activity to create some bunting to put outside your house.

https://bletchleypark.org.uk/blog/how-to-make-ve-day-bunting

We look forward to seeing what you create to commemorate this special day!