St Paul's VE Day Celebrations.

This week people will celebrate the 75th anniversary of VE Day – marking 75 years since the end of WW2. These activities are for you to enjoy as a family leading up to the celebrations being held on Friday 8th May, which is a Bank Holiday. Please send your photos to ……. so we can share and enjoy the celebrations together.

With one rationed egg and a packet of powdered milk in the larder, World War II's home cooks had to be creative.

Think of your favourite meal – write a recipe card and decorate it for somebody else to enjoy as much as you.

Challenge: Make your own wartime scones and share them with your family.

Design and make your own Spitfire. You could make it out of paper, wood, recycled materials, etc. Test out your design. How far does it glide?

Challenge: Does the material used for a paper plane affect the distance it travels? Try using newspaper, card, tinfoil, etc and carry out a test. Remember, only change ONE thing to make it a fair test.

On VE day street parties took place all over the country to celebrate.

Design a picnic with all of your favourite foods to have at your very own VE Day party.

Challenge: Give yourself a budget of £50 and use supermarket websites to calculate the cost of your picnic.

Many countries were a part of World War II.

Choose a country and create a fact file about this country.

Challenge: You may choose to include current information or information about this country during the war.

During the war parachutes were used by paratroopers, some were even accompanied by dogs.

Design and make your own parachute using materials from around the house. Time how long it takes for your parachute to fall to the floor. You could hold it yourself or even ask an adult to help you drop it from a window.

Challenge: research how parachutes work using the force 'air resistance'.

At 3pm on Friday 8th May 1945, Winston Churchill (the Prime Minster at the time) made an announcement to say the war in Europe had come to an end.

Practice reading and performing the speech Winston Churchill made on that day – you could even record yourself and send it into school.

Challenge: write your own version of a speech as if you were Winston Churchill at the time.

Morse Code was used during the war as a way of sending messages.

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Use the information from this website to crack the Morse Code.

https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/quizzes/bp-morse-code-adventure

Challenge: can you create your own code and write a secret message for somebody in your family to crack! You could even send it to your teacher!

Learn the Horrible Histories VE Day song and perform it to your family.

https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/watch/horrible-histories-songs-ve-day-song?collection=horrible-histories-songs

Challenge: Learn how to Swing dance (The Lindy Hop) which originated in the late 1920s and early 1930s in Harlem, New York City. https://safeyoutube.net/w/cXI7

Medals were given by the British Government to those who participated in World War II.

Design your own medal for a British Soldier to acknowledge their role in the war.

Think about the shape of the medal and color of the ribbon.

Challenge: annotate your medal explaining the decisions you have made and how this relfects the signifance of the war.

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