VE DAY.

This week we are **commemorating** the 75th anniversary of V.E. Day.

Commemorating is another word for remembering.

V.E, stands for Victory in Europe and marks the day that the war in Europe ended- May 8th 1945

On May 8th 1945 , the Germans **surrendered** and WW2 ended.

Surrendered is another word for gave up.

Millions of people had died in WW2 so everyone was really happy that the fighting was over.

Many people found out about it because the church bells started ringing.

Lots of people came out onto the street dressed in red, white and blue.

They held parties in the street to celebrate with everyone that the war was over.

Can you find out
what 'rationing' was?

Have a look at these resources at to help you. Just type the web address below into your browser.

https://bodminkeep.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/KEEP-KIDS_Rationing_Issue_1_April_2020_.pdf

http://www.bodminkeep.org/

Because of **rationing** there wasn't lots of food for sale, so everyone coming to the party had to bring something.

The King and Queen waved to everyone from the balcony of Buckingham palace.

Our current Queen and her sister went out and joined the party in the street! No-one knew who they were!

Winston Churchill, who was the Prime Minister, went on the radio and told everyone about Germany surrendering. At the end of his speech he said

"This is your victory… Advance Britannia".
Can you find out who or what Britannia is?

Everyone stayed up and there were bonfires and fireworks to celebrate.

- ▣ http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6AC2vzAA5N8

Have a look at this video to see some pictures of the way that people celebrated V.E. Day

Let's think about V.E. Day
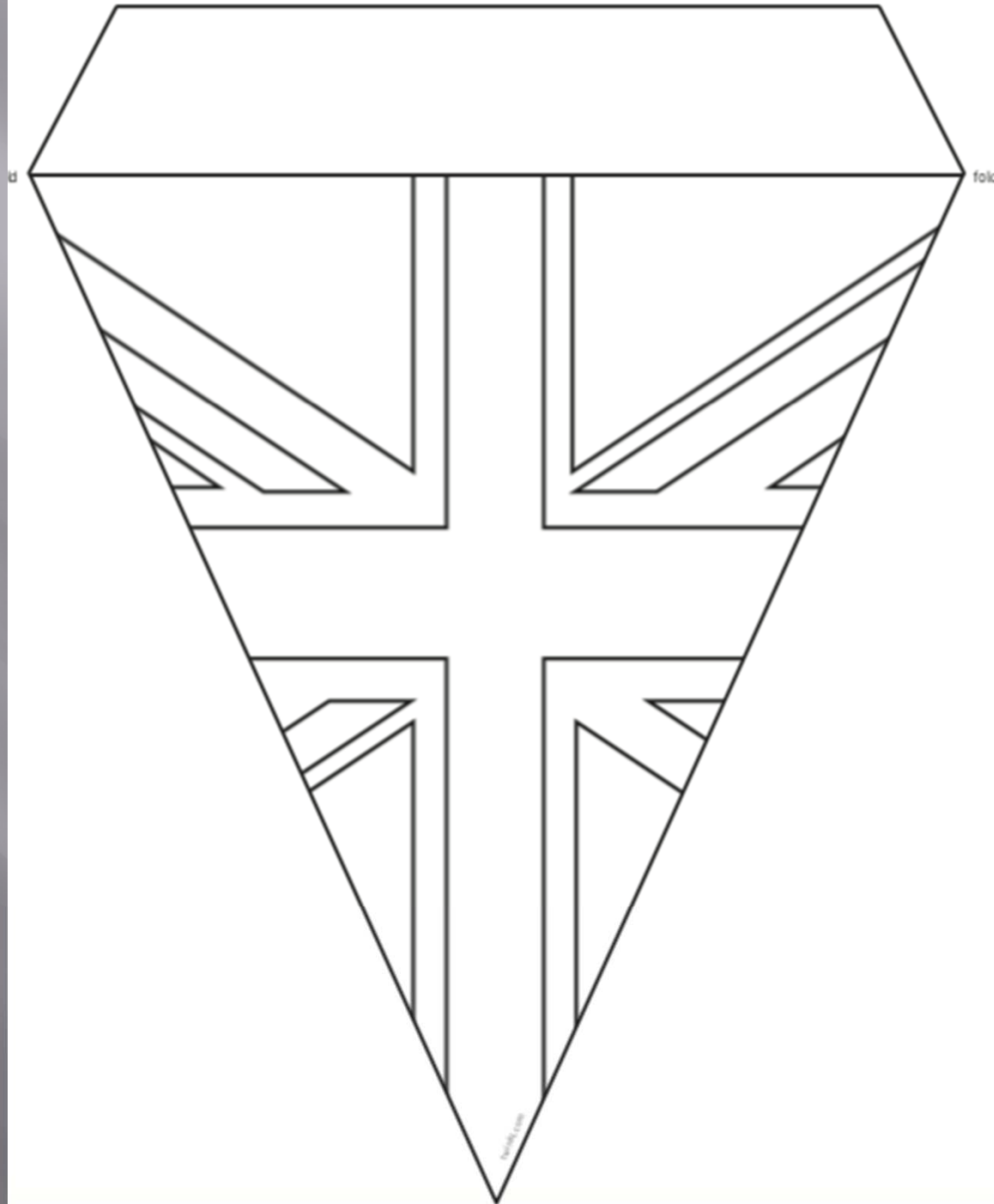
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=2&v=64xozK7CpBk&feature=emb_logo

Have a look at this video and complete the similarities and differences activity at the end. There's a copy of the sheet mentioned on the next slide but you can just write your ideas on a sheet of paper. It will help you complete the 'Postcard Task' on slide 16

Quiz

- What does V.E. stand for?
- When is V.E. Day
- Why is V.E. Day special this year?
- Why do you think people dressed in red, white and blue on the first V.E. Day?
- Why do you think church bells were used to spread the news of the end of the war in Europe?
- What was rationing?
- How did people celebrate V.E. Day?
- What did our Queen do on V.E. Day?
- Who was the Prime Minister on 8th May 1945?

COMPETITION DETAILS

DRAW | WRITE | SCULPT | CRAFT

WHAT CAN I MAKE OR DO?

A drawing, painting, sculpture, print or craft (sewing, knitting etc.), poem or
story that celebrates the 75th anniversary of Victory in Europe.
Think: street parties, celebrations, bunting, games and Union Jack flags!
See https://www.instagram.com/veday75official/ for inspiration!

WHEN DOES THE COMPETITION OPEN & CLOSE?

Opens on Thursday 23 April and closes on Thursday 7 May at 5pm.

HOW DO I ENTER?

Take a photo or scan of your artwork, story or poem and email it
with your name and age to: education@bodminkeep.org

HOW MANY TIMES CAN I ENTER?

As many times as you like.

WHAT ARE THE AGE CATEGORIES?

0 - 5 years, 6 - 10 years and 11 years +.

IS THERE A PRIZE?

YES! The winner of each category will have their work displayed in the museum,
receive a fantastic art bundle full of materials to make and create with along
with a Bodmin Keep bear!

WHEN WILL THE WINNER BE ANNOUNCED?

10am on Friday 8 May.

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Look out for our next 'Keep Kids', which will be out on 30 April, as it's all about VE Day!