VE Day- Class 3 Activities

Preliminary Research

What happened on VE Day?

What date was VE day?

What did people do to celebrate?

Think > How do you think people felt and why?

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

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

On the next page are some suggested tasks, the idea being that the children complete one each day and submit their work either through Facebook, or Class Dojo. If parents/children have their own ideas about ways they can celebrate VE day, then this is more than welcome. Have fun completing the tasks and enjoy learning about those who have fought and died for our nation, and continue to do so.
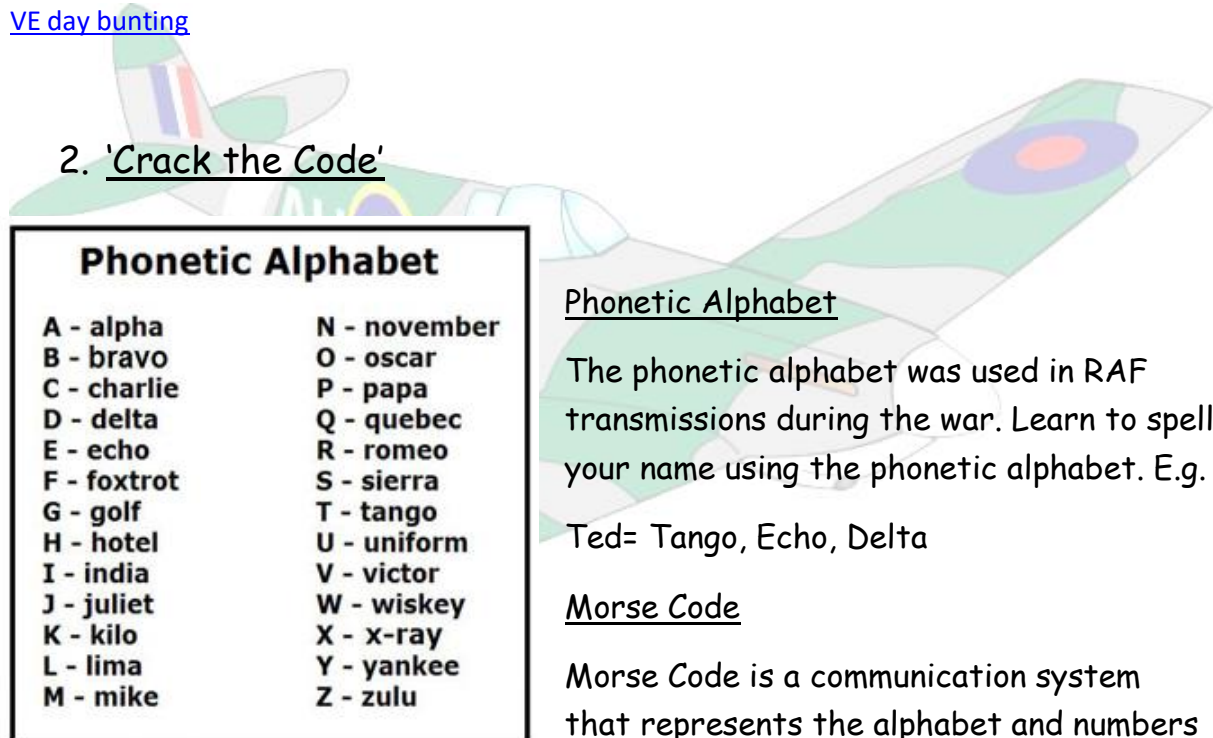
Tasks (Can be completed in any order)

1. 'Stay at home' street party!

How did people celebrate VE day in 1945, (use the Newsround link above to help you.) Plan your own 'stay at home' street party. What games could be played? What decorations would be put up? What food would be eaten? Who would be there? Is there anybody in your family who went to a VE Day party you could talk to?

For something more simple, you could design your own VE Day party invitation or create your own Union Jack flag bunting or make a Union Jack flag out of Lego!

VE day bunting

2. 'Crack the Code'

Phonetic Alphabet

A - alpha	N - november
B - bravo	O - oscar
C - charlie	P - papa
D - delta	Q - quebec
E - echo	R - romeo
F - foxtrot	S - sierra
G - golf	T - tango
H - hotel	U - uniform
I - india	V - victor
J - juliet	W - wiskey
K - kilo	X - x-ray
L - lima	Y - yankee
M - mike	Z - zulu

Phonetic Alphabet

The phonetic alphabet was used in RAF transmissions during the war. Learn to spell your name using the phonetic alphabet. E.g.

Ted= Tango, Echo, Delta

Morse Code

Morse Code is a communication system that represents the alphabet and numbers with a series of dots, dashes or a combination of both. Can you write a secret coded message for your family to crack?
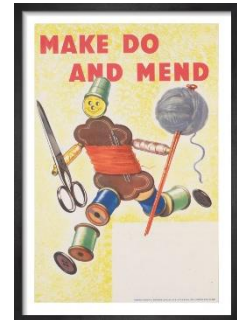
Morse Code for Kids

3. Make, Do and Mend

During World War 2, there was a shortage of materials to make clothes. People were urged to 'make do and mend.'

Do you have any clothes or accessories that you could 'upcycle' into new clothing or something completely different to give it another purpose and a new lease of life?

4. Europe during the Second World War

Colour in the countries on the map (link below) according to whether they were Allies, Axis or Neutral. Alternatively you could list the countries in a table.

Nat Geo Kids- WW2

Blank World Map

5. Wartime Recipes

With one rationed egg and a packet of powdered milk in the larder, World War 2's home cooks had to be creative! Find out what families were eating over 75 years ago.

Create some delicious meals using the recipes below. You could serve them at your 'Stay at Home Street Party!'

War time recipe booklet   World War 2 cake

Orange Drop Cookies   Wartime scones   Jam tarts

6. Winston Churchill

Who was Winston Churchill? Why do we remember him today? Produce a fact file or poster displaying your information. Create a mind map or list facts about Winston Churchill.

What was his job?

Why was he so important during World War 2?

What was one of his most famous phrases?

Can you describe his characterstics?

You can read more about Churchill using these links from Twinkl and Ducksters.

CHALLENGE: Can you learn part of/ all of Winston Churchill's victory speech and record yourself presenting it?

7. Spitfire Science

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

Does the material used for the plan 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.

Alternatively, you could try some spitfire art. Follow the link below to find a great tutorial on how to draw a Spitfire.

How to draw a Spitfire