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VE Day 80th Anniversary

Why is peace worth celebrating?

Let's look at the story

On 8th May 1945, people across Britain and other countries around the world celebrated the end of World War II in Europe. This day became known as VE Day, which stands for 'Victory in Europe Day'.

It marked the moment when the fighting in Europe stopped, and peace could begin again after years of conflict, hardship, and loss.

80 years on, we remember this important moment – not just to look back, but to think about what peace means today and why it still matters.

Learn more about this story here.
Watch the useful video here.

Read through the information below, which shares more about the impacts of VE Day and the importance of peace.

What changed after VE Day?

During World War II, life was full of danger and uncertainty. People faced rationing, bombings, and long separations from their loved ones.

On 8th May 1945, VE Day marked a new beginning — a day when people could hope for a future without fear. It meant that fighting and air raids stopped, children returned home and families were reunited, shops reopened, and life began returning to normal.

Why does peace matter?

Peace means laughter instead of fear, and dreams instead of danger. When there is peace, families can stay together, children can go to school, and people can build happy, safe lives.
Peace gives everyone the chance to grow and learn.

How do we work to protect peace today?

Today, countries work together through organisations, like the United Nations, to solve problems, send help where it's needed, and stand up for people's rights.

80 years on, we remember VE Day not just to celebrate the end of World War II, but to think about how we can protect peace today and in the future.

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Main question

Why is peace worth celebrating?

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- Look carefully at the poster image. What can you spot? Have you noticed any decorations or signs of VE Day celebrations in your local area?

- Look at the resource, which shares a little more about VE Day and its significance. What might life have been like during World War II, and how did things change after VE Day?

- Why do you think VE Day was such a big celebration in 1945? Why do we still celebrate VE Day today, even 80 years later?

- Are there still wars happening in the world today? Why might that be?

- How do people and countries try to build and protect peace today? How can values like respect, cooperation, and kindness help prevent conflict? What does 'peace' mean to you?

- After watching the useful video, what can we learn from the experiences of people who lived through World War II and VE Day?