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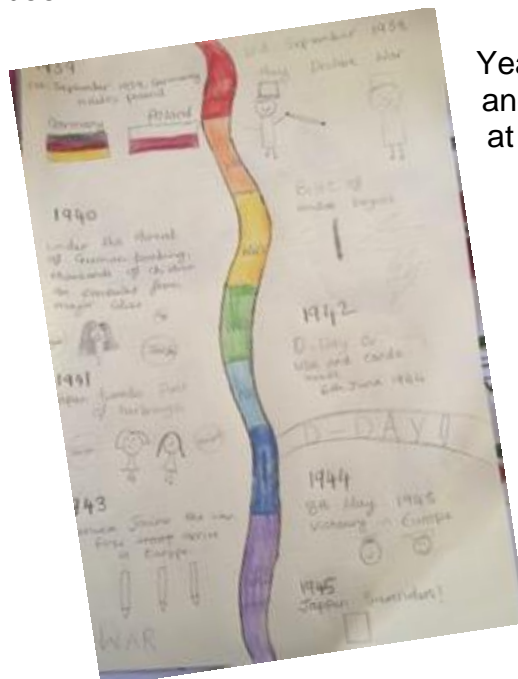
Dear Parents and Carers

Another week has gone by in our new normality. Once again this has shown the importance of community. Staff are always letting us know how proud they are of the children who have been contacting them for a chat or to show off the work they have been doing. We love it!

This week encouraged us to reflect on what was happening in the country 75 years ago. 'Victory In Europe Day' marked the end to a very different troubling time in the country. Ms Priddey's Great Uncle was a POW in Japan at the time and was sent this letter from King George, after my Uncle had safely made it back to England. Here is a photo of the letter which he had framed. There are very many memories that are being shared to show how important it still is to reflect on such occasions. The children in all year groups have been busy learning more about VE day this week in many different ways.



Here is Marnia from Bosworth, Y2, making 'Bubble and Squeak' with ingredients from her ration book!



Year 5 have been busy creating timelines and information about the Prime Minister at the time, Winston Churchill.






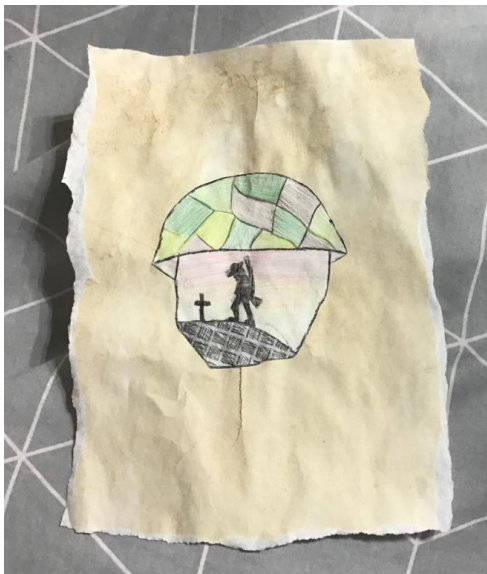
Here is Nikhil working on his timeline with his mum!



Jameel, Y4, rose to the challenge of finding out about VE day and has sent in this super piece of work. Well done Jameel!

What is VE Day?

VE Day is when everybody celebrates the victory of Europe. It stands for victory over Europe. It is celebrated because of the allied victory over Germany  and Axis forces in the Second World War. The war in Europe had come to an end when Germany surrendered. This was a great victory for everyone which is why it is celebrated.



VE Day Celebrations 1945

In 1945 the German army was getting weaker and nearly defeated. On Tuesday the 8th May the war had stopped and many people were celebrating. They marked this day with lots of fun, street parties and bonfires. Huge crowds of people gathered outside Buckingham Palace dressed in red, white and blue. They all cheered as King George VI and his family came out to greet everyone on the balcony.

Amelia, Y6, has drawn this super picture inspired by WW2.



Aswell as celebrating, VE Day was also a great moment of sadness as many millions of people had lost their lives and loved ones. There was a lot of people who were also kept prisoners abroad due to this.

Y6 were set the task of researching into the blackout. Here is Rajveer's work:

Britain Blackout

Why did this happen?

In 1939 on the 1st of September which was two days before the war, Britain completely blacked out. It was chaos, no see through curtains or car headlights. Even the slightest glimpse of light was banned such as the glow from a cigarette and lighters! Because Germany could potentially see the light when they were in their planes, that is why the blackout happened in the first place. It may have been a good idea, but it caused many casualties. People in cars had to be very careful of their surroundings as there were people about on the roads in the complete darkness. Due to this serious problem,



people started painting white stripes on the road which we still use to this day. They also painted white on curbs so that they knew where the roads were. It was so serious that lots of households were just waiting for a knock on their door to be told they had a bit of light in view.

By the new year, the authorities eased the light restrictions and the only lights that were allowed were tiny little pocket lights which used No. 8 batteries which were quite rare, so people continued to roam around in the dark dangerously.

Why should you follow these rules?

It was essential to follow these rules because if you didn't, you would've been in danger as planes from Germany were flying over, so it was important to follow these rules



There are some similarities with what we are going through at the moment such as showing the truly amazing spirit of determination, courage and care for others.

We have received some lovely messages from our parents recognising the efforts our staff are making to adapt to this very different way of teaching – thank you for taking the time to contact us.

Remember there is a teacher from each year group on duty every week day to ensure the OneDrives are working for you and responding to emails. We know some files get moved occasionally. If this is the case, do let us know and it can easily be sorted either through the school office or through year group emails. All information can be found on the website on the 'Online Zone' tab.



We appreciate all the efforts our parents are making to provide a secure and happy home for their children during this worrying time. We have heard about the great ways our pupils are adapting to life at home. It has been a pleasure to hear all about it. We heard from one of our pupils that they have raised nearly £600 for the NHS through selling their toys. Well done Sarah in Year 1 and her younger brother, Joel. Whatever you are doing to make the best of the situation by looking after your family, keeping in touch with friends and caring for each other is really important.

We have also received a lovely letter from the residents of Devonshire Court who were sent some lovely pictures from the children of key workers who are currently in school. They have put them on their noticeboards and windows to brighten up the place. Well done children!

As you can see from the newsletter, there are lots of examples of good deeds, resilience and determination shown by our pupils, some super talents and skills that will shape our learners in a positive way for the future.

We hope you enjoy the bank holiday weekend, and you stay safe and well,

Best wishes,

Miss Sandhu and Ms Priddey