

Year 5 Home Learning

Date Wednesday 6th May

Day 23

Maths

An Amazing Fact a Day

Ration Book Shopping List

Amazing Fact

On the 28th July 1914, the First World War began when Austria-Hungary declared war on Serbia.

The war was one of the most destructive in history and was a huge drain on the resources of the countries involved. As a result of a shortage of steel during the war, many ships and boats were made out of concrete!

Task 1

Work out how much of each item you buy each week. Fill in the table with the amount you would get for your family of four. (Eggs have been done for you.)

Product and Ration	Cost	Week 1
1 egg	1 pence	4 eggs
Bacon/Ham 110g (4oz)	1½ pence	
Cheese 55g (2oz)	1 pence	
Sugar 220g (8oz)	1 pence	
Meat 110g (4oz)	1½ pence	
Margarine 25g (10z)	½ pence	
Tea 160g (6oz)	1 pence	
Jam 135g (5oz)	1 pence	
Milk 3 pints (1800ml)	1 pint: 4 pence	
Sweets 80g (3oz)	1 pence	

Challenge

During the war, there was also a shortage of food. As a result of this, British citizens were issued with a ration book. This limited and capped the amount of food they could purchase.

Imagine that you are a child during the First World War. You live with your mother, father and sibling. Everybody in your house was issued with a ration book to buy food products.

Task 2

How much money would you spend during a weekly shopping trip if you bought all of the rationed items? Clearly show your working out in the box below. Can you write this amount using old money?

Answer:

You could also try to find out:

- what the biggest concrete ship was;
- what happened to concrete ships after the war;
- what other materials were in short supply;
- which other materials were used as substitutes.



VE Day – Year 5 NJS

The project this week aims to provide opportunities for you to learn more about the area you live in. Choose one or more a day to explore. Be creative about how you present your work.

Understanding World War Two

On 8 May 1945 Britain celebrated the end of World War Two. To understand why VE Day was so important, you need to understand WW2. Research what happened during WW2. When did it start? Why did it start? Who fought? Where did fighting take place? What happened during the Battle of Britain? What happened on D-Day? What was rationing? What was evacuation? What happened during the Blitz? You may present this information in any way you choose.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/z9s9q6f/revision/1>

Plan your own street party

On 8 May 1945, Britain began to rejoice. People ran out onto the streets, church bells rang, bunting and banners were hung up and people brought food to eat at street parties. Plan your own street party. Where would it be? What games would be played? What decorations would be put up? What food would be eaten?



Research Winston Churchill

Winston Churchill was the Prime Minister in 1945. Research and make a fact file about who Churchill was. Consider why he was important, his personality, his family, his hobbies and his jobs.



Postcard task

Write a 'Postcard from the Past'. Imagine you were at the first VE day and heard the news that the war had ended.

What might you tell your family about what you heard? What did you do? What did you eat? Who else was there? What games did you play? What decorations were made and hung up? Use the link below find out more about VE Day

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/history-ks2-ve-day/z7xtmfr>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/ve-day-How-did-the-british-plan-to-celebrate/zndn7nb>

Flag task

During World War Two, countries that were part of the British Empire fought alongside the British. Some of these countries were: Canada, USA, Bermuda, Jamaica, The Bahamas, Australia, New Zealand, Kenya, Mauritius, Seychelles, Trinidad and Tobago, India and Cyprus. Find and draw the flags for these countries. Can you find other countries that fought alongside the British in WW2 and find and their flags too?



Design your own VE coin or medal

8 May 1945, now known as VE Day, saw the beginning of the end of the Second World War – the conflict that claimed the lives of millions and reshaped the future of countries and continents. The Royal Mint have designed a commemorative coin to remember VE Day. Your task is to design your own commemorative coin or a VE Day medal. You could think about the following ideas when designing yours: the years of the war; the colours of the ally flags or a reference to how the war was fought (land, air and sea).



VE Day in Newport



This was only one celebration that took place in Newport in deference to the families who had lost brothers, sons and fathers. It was arranged by the residents of Springfield and Station Terraces. It was a rainy day and so the party was adjourned to one of Dawson's (now Aston's) Garage buildings. Sandwiches, cakes and jellies were saved for from rationing points and given by High Street traders. Each child was given a present from the bran tub, a packet of sweets and half a crown. In the evening when the rain subsided, there was a bonfire and music from a gramophone.

In many places plaques were unveiled (above.) They said phrase like "VE Day 8 May 1945 50th anniversary. To give thanks for the spirit of peace and reconciliation prevailing between the nation states of Europe and to commemorate the heroism and sacrifices of all those who contributed to the peace we now all enjoy. Let us remember and reflect". Now we are celebrating the 75th anniversary, design your own memorial plaque and write your own message on your plaque.

Music

To link with VE day we are going to discover some music from the 1930s and 40s. Listen to the song 'In the



Mood' and make a list of the instruments that are playing in the Big Band.

- Can you name the most famous Big Band of that time?
- What do you notice they do when it is their turn to play the solo section?
- Research some other songs from this era and make a list.

VE reflections

Now you know more about VE Day, answer these questions to sum up your learning on VE Day.

1. Why do you think it is important to celebrate and recognise VE Day?
2. How do you think VE Day should be celebrated in the future?

This work will look ace on our school website – please send all/any/some of the pieces you complete from this sheet to your class teacher they are looking forward to receiving them!!