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# What was VE day?

**VE** day was Victory in Europe Day.

It happened on **8<sup>th</sup> May 1945**.

This was the day when Germany **surrendered** (gave up) the war and the **Allies** (like official friends) won.

The **Allies** were Britain, France, Russia and the USA.



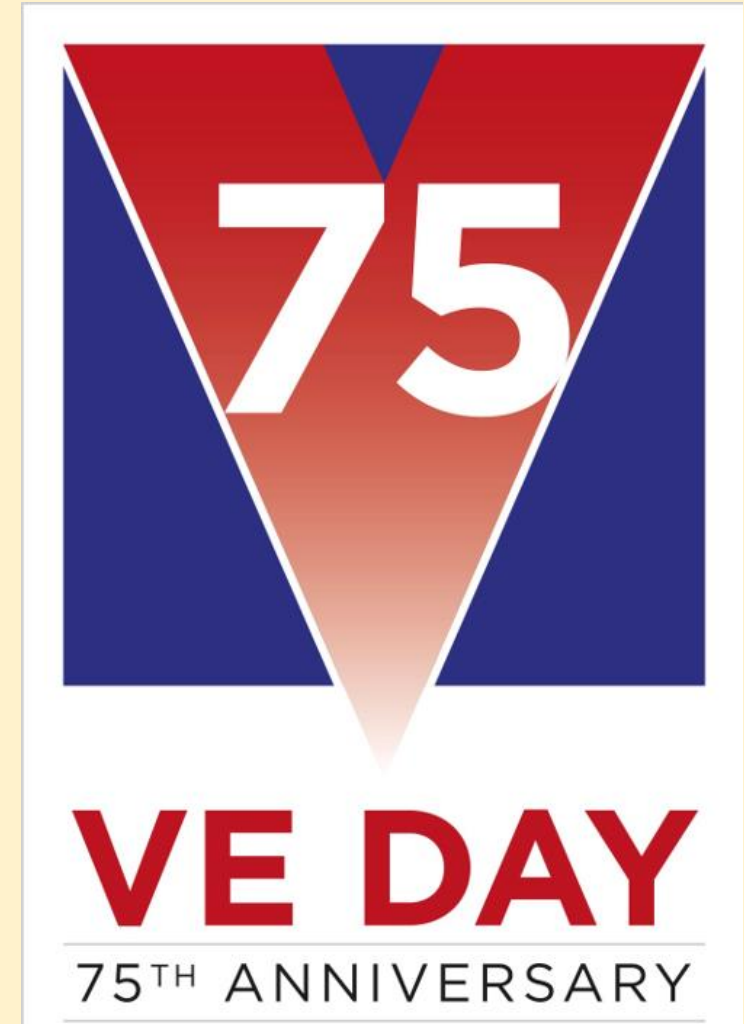
# What is VE day 75?



The 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020 marks **75 years** since VE day.

It's a day to **remember** all those who fought and died.

And all those who worked at home to keep the country going.



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# 75 years is a long time ago...



It is a long time ago, but take a look at the numbers:

WW2 lasted  
**2176** days

**50-55million** *civilians* (ordinary people) were killed

**70-85million** people died across the world

**430,000**  
British people were killed

**377,000** British were wounded



**16** people who went to our school lost their lives.



# Who can remember VE day?



Do you know these famous people?



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# These people remember VE Day.



**The Queen**  
**(19 on VE day)**



**Sir David Attenborough**  
**(His 19<sup>th</sup> birthday was on VE day)**



**Captain Tom Moore (25 on VE day)**

# Our **Vision** and **Values** were also celebrated on **VE** day



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# Tenacity



Hitler got his planes to bomb British cities. He hoped he would make British people want to give up. This was called **The Blitz**.

- **2million** houses were bombed.
- **32,000 civilians** (ordinary people) were killed
- **87,000** civilians were wounded.



The British people refused to give up.  
Their **tenacity** was called the '**Blitz spirit**'.





# A man from Hadfield remembers...



“I can remember walking from **Woolley Bridge** towards **Brookfield** with my Aunty Mary, it was **Christmas Eve 1944**.

Coming up behind **Mottram Church**, there was a lot of black smoke. This was the day when Foulkes' Farm was hit by a bomb. Farmer Foulkes used to deliver milk to Aunty Mary's but didn't come that day.

We never saw a bomb dropped in **Hadfield**, but they used to test the sirens once a month and they frightened me to death.”



# Hard Work



With many men away fighting, women had to take over their jobs. Their **hard work** kept the country running. For example the **Women's Land Army** worked on farms.

This was a **small** step towards equality.



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# Responsibility



Food started to run out! People had to be more **responsible** with what they ate. They were given a **ration** each week. It was not very much.



**A week's rations**



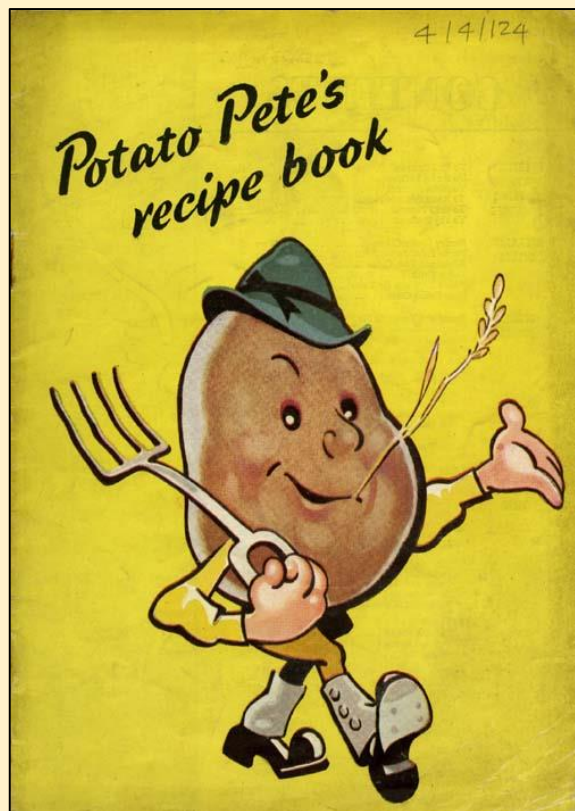
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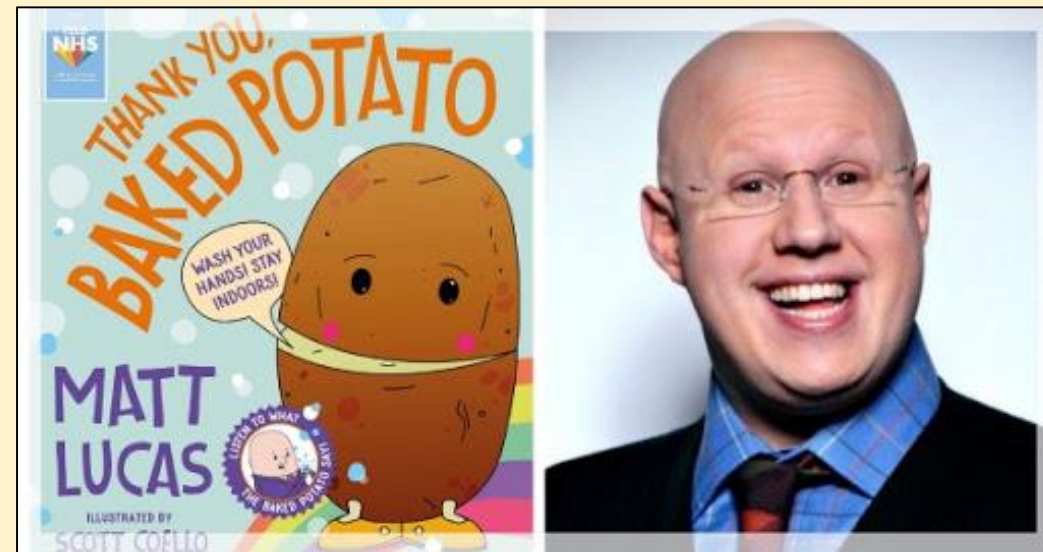


# Thank you baked potato!



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Watch two  
clips from  
WW2 and  
2020...



[Click here for 2020 clip](#)

# Independence



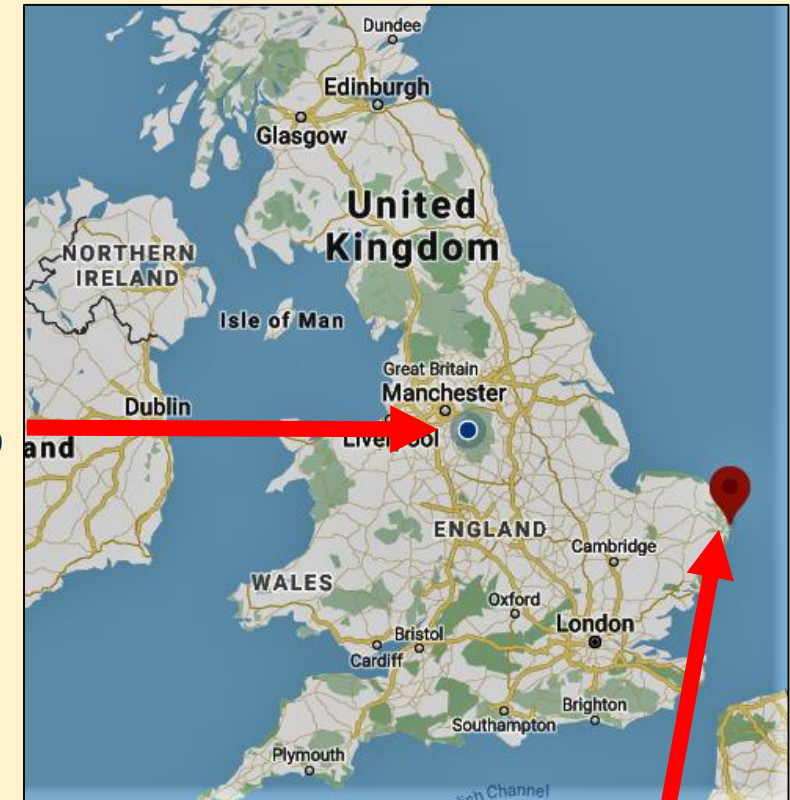
To escape bombing in **The Blitz** 1.5million children were **evacuated**. They went to the countryside. They had to become more **independent**.

600 hundred children came to **Glossop**. They came from a place called **Lowestoft**. They lived with local families.



A plaque at the station marks their arrival

Glossop



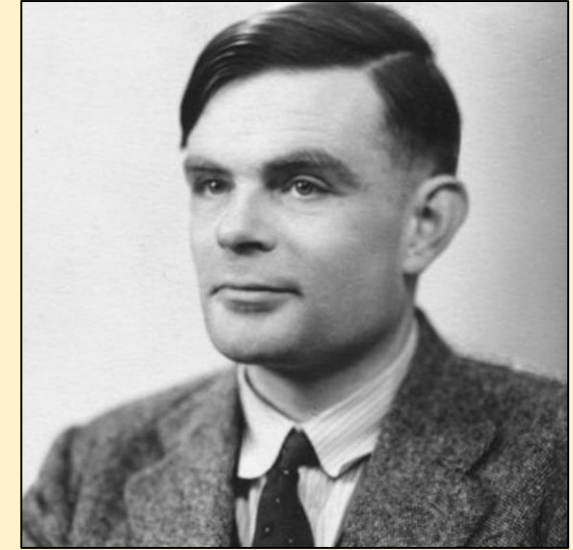
Lowestoft

# Visionary



The war **inspired** people to invent new things. Like **Alan Turing** and a machine called **Enigma**. The Germans sent secret codes about attacks. This machine broke the codes. So lots of lives were saved.

The Enigma machine was the world's first digital computer.



From this



To this



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# Excellence



WW2 brought out the best in people. Like the Prime Minister **Winston Churchill**. He is famous for helping us win the war.



Other people showed excellence too. **Douglas Bader** was a pilot. He lost his legs in a plane crash in 1931.

Yet he joined the air force in WW2. He fought in the **Battle of Britain**. This battle stopped the Germans invading Britain.

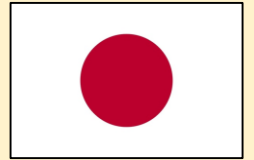


# VE day was not the end...



The war was over in **Europe**. But it was still being fought against **Japan**.

The war ended when America dropped the first **nuclear bombs** on Japan. Japan surrendered and victory over Japan was celebrated on 15<sup>th</sup> August 1945. This was called **VJ Day**.



Peace had arrived but:

- **Millions** were dead or injured
- **Millions** of buildings had to be rebuilt
- Food rationing did not end until **1954**



[Click here for a short video about VE day](#)

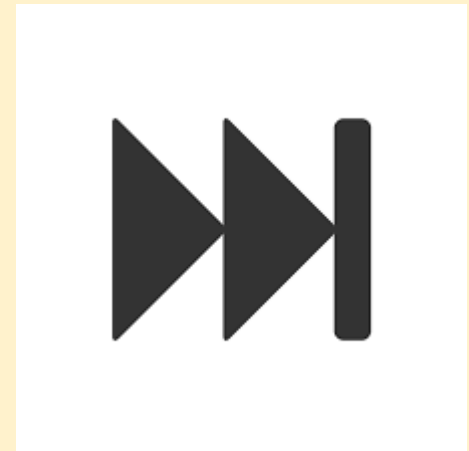
# Fast forward to 2020



Some people compare lock down to World War 2. It is not really the same.

But our **THRIVE** values are just as important and we can take inspiration from those who went through the war.

*Let's see how....*





We need tenacity to help us get through lock down.



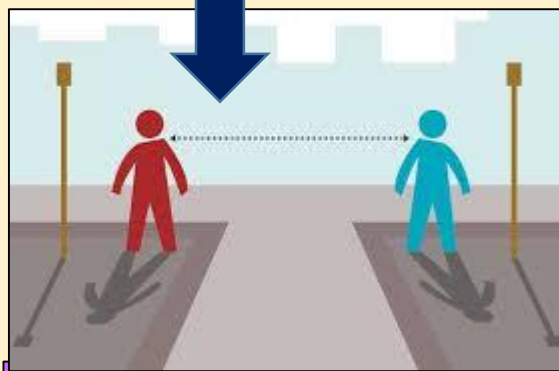
You need to be more independent in your learning.



People are finding new ways of working, socialising and staying healthy. Scientists are racing to find a cure.



The NHS are other key workers are working harder than ever.



Be responsible! Follow social distancing rules.



We can all show excellence in our own small way.

# Is the end in sight?



**VE** day was not the end of the war.

When **lockdown** ends life will not go back to normal straight away.

There will be lots of rules we still have to follow for some time.

We will get through this **together**.



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# Celebrating VE day in lockdown...



Try out WW2 recipes – maybe not the carrot lollies these kids are eating! [Click here](#) to find some.



There will be 2 minutes silence at 11am on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May



Make your own bunting to decorate your house! [Click here](#) to find out how.



Have your own indoor street party!



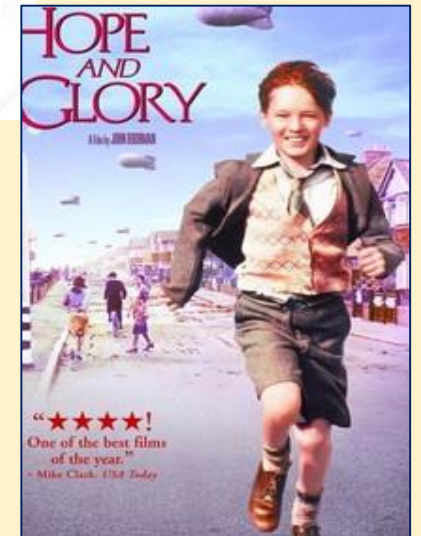
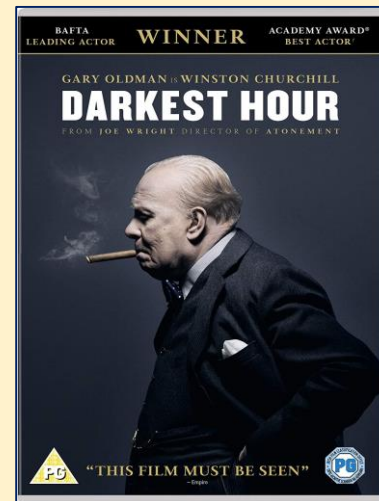
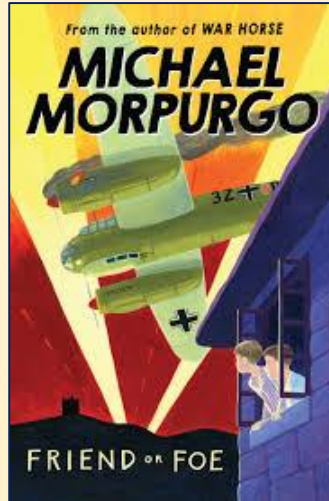
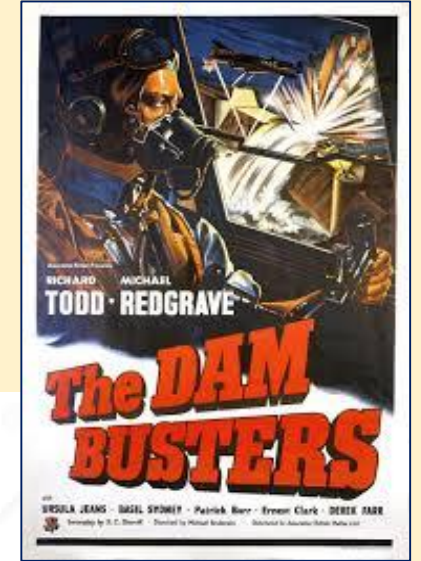
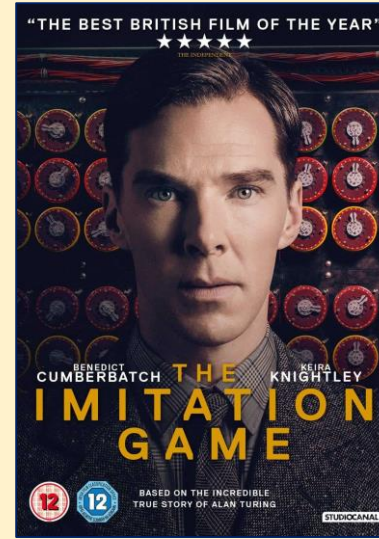
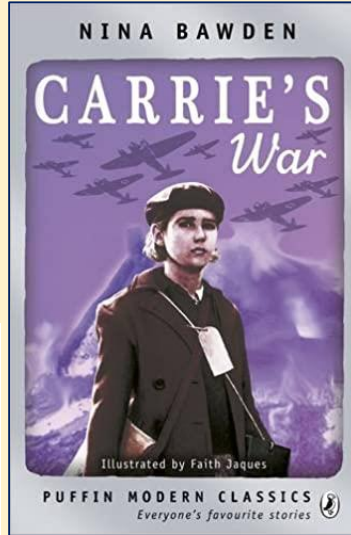
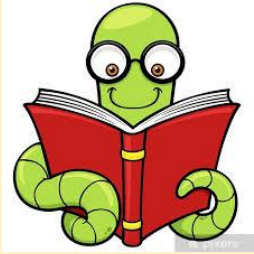
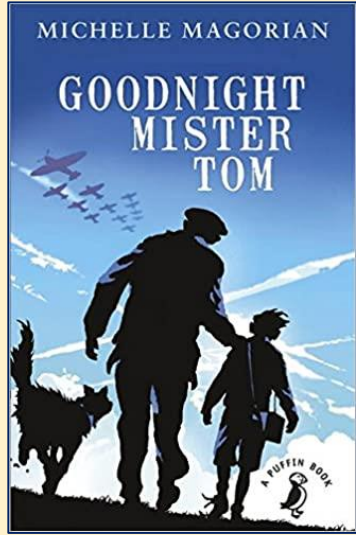
As a sign of respect people are putting the outline of a soldier in their window. You could make your own.

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# Want to know more about WW2?

## Why not try some of these out...



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