

Kindness and Co-operation	Thankfulness	Friendship and Sharing	Respect	Patience and Perseverance	Responsibility
Hope and Peace	Unity	Trust and Honesty	Happiness	Courage	



Thought for the week:
"Have courage, be kind"



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A Message from Mrs Bainbridge



To all the children at Maple Tree

I can't believe a week has gone by since my last newsletter to you but I hope you have all had a good week. How are you finding it using Google Classroom? I know your teachers are impressed with those of you who they have heard from and we are pleased to see the work you are sending back to us. Keep it coming and don't forget to read as well!

I have been so proud to see the work that has been sent in this week that shows how you have shown Unity - there have been photos and pictures and stories and poems, every single one has made me smile and they are all great examples of showing how we work together - especially at this strange and difficult time, so thank you to those who took part in my challenge from last week!



This week we have a new value as today is the beginning of May and we will be looking at Trust and Honesty so think about what these values mean to you and your family and how you might show them. Next week's newsletter will focus more on this but today I want to take a moment to talk to you about a very special day that is happening next week...

← Year 5/6 what is the name of this type of punctuation? 🤔



Friday 8th May is VE day. This stands for Victory in Europe and was a day of celebration across the country as people celebrated the end of World War II. After 6 years of war and suffering people came together to mark the occasion. There were speeches by the Prime Minister, street parties and everywhere was covered in red, white and blue bunting (strings of small flags). This year is a very special one as it is the 75th anniversary of the day. You can find out more information on the BBC Newsround website.

In normal times there would have been lots of events going on around the country to celebrate this day but whilst we are in lockdown this is not going to be quite the same but it got me thinking! What could we do together whilst being apart? On the back of this newsletter is a list of activities that Ms Cassidy has put together, that you could do with your families at home and I know that your teachers are going to set you some of these activities too throughout next week.

Weekly Challenge

My challenge to you is that next Friday, whilst at home, we all wear red, white and blue. I would love photos of this as I would like to create a display for when we come back and this will be a really good way to commemorate VE day. You could also have a 'stay at home' street party and have a picnic in the garden, you could make your own bunting with painting, colouring or even sewing! Challenge yourself to use new skills and let your ideas run wild but remember to send in those photos. I can't wait to see how you have all celebrated such an important day.



Have a lovely weekend. Keep being your fantastic selves!

We'll Meet Again!



20 Activities to make V.E. Day a GREAT Day

Please take lots of pictures and/or send in your work via the homelearning@mapletreepriamaryschool.com email address – we would like to create a display for school.

- Make some bunting to decorate your house, garden – ANYWHERE!
- Bake some cupcakes/biscuits and decorate in red, white and blue.
- Learn some WWII songs – We'll Meet Again (APT!), Run Rabbit
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/history-ks2-world-war-2-clips-ww2-songs-index/zbg9gwx>
- Have a celebration street party in your garden/living room (Stay Safe).
- Play some games children played at this time – hopscotch, skipping, cricket using the garden fence as wickets, rounders, marbles, jacks, Red Rover, Red Rover.
- Children did not have video games (technology) – try to go the whole day without yours.
- Make a Spitfire glider (use the templates).
- Explore the V.E. Day powerpoint – learn what it is all about. This is on our school website.
- Make your own lockdown ration book.
- Design a V.E. Day medal for your hero.
- Write a diary entry for your V.E. Day celebrations.
- Design a celebration teacup.
- Watch this short BBC film <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/history-ks2-ve-day/z7xtmfr>
- Make a medal from saltdough and decorate. 250g plain flour, 125g table salt, 125ml water to make a dough.
- Dance for V.E. Day <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xu6Y9cAQqls>
- Watch the strictly professionals and see if you can Lindy Hop. Look at the English Heritage download.
- Make some V.E. Day party food for your stay at home street party. Look at the English Heritage download.
- Make a poster to display in your window. Show you are proud to stay at home and celebrate V.E. Day.
- Have a look in your wardrobe/drawers – can you dress like a child/adult of the 1940s?
- Can you WhatsApp/Zoom a member of your family who has memories of V.E. Day?

Resources to support these activities can be found on our website on the [Newsletter](#) page.