



# VE DAY

## 75TH ANNIVERSARY

Victory in Europe Day took place on May 8<sup>th</sup>, 1945. It was a public holiday and day of celebration to mark the formal conclusion of the war with Germany and ended six years of suffering, courage and endurance across the world.

To mark this day, we would like the children in year 1 to complete some activities. You may wish to do all or select your favourite activity to complete.

Please share your child's work by sending a photograph of it to: [info@olivehackney.staracademies.org](mailto:info@olivehackney.staracademies.org)

Please label the email, VE Day. Please include your child's name, class and year group.



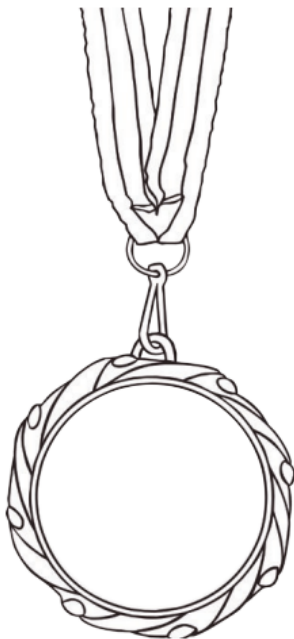
# Activity 1

## Design a VE Day Medal

This medal celebrated the end of the First World War and was given to soldiers who had fought in active theatres of the war. It was a symbol of **great pride** but its design was also highly **symbolic**.



Bronze medal, not too expensive after the war, but long lasting.



**Your task is to create a medal for British soldiers who served in the Second World War that is just as symbolic and creative.**

Your medal can be any shape or size but you must have considered the metal and ribbon choices.

You must include:

- The years of the war (1939-45)
- The colours of the Allies
- A symbol to signify the war and the soldier's sacrifice and victory
- A reference to the many theatres of the fighting (Europe, Africa, Asia, Air, Sea, Land)
- Annotations to explain your choices

## Activity 2

### Complete the wordsearch

v	i	c	t	o	r	y	v	b	d	e	l
f	c	e	e	v	b	h	j	n	f	u	i
f	h	l	s	w	f	v	h	j	b	r	b
i	v	e	a	u	h	j	n	m	c	o	e
g	o	b	p	a	r	v	r	v	b	p	r
h	p	r	f	v	b	r	a	g	b	e	a
t	r	a	a	v	b	n	e	e	v	b	t
i	g	t	r	a	v	b	h	n	b	n	i
n	f	e	s	t	i	v	a	l	d	o	o
g	p	v	b	n	y	v	e	f	v	e	n
a	f	v	n	j	k	l	a	o	a	n	r
g	e	r	m	a	n	y	v	b	q	d	k

victory  
europe  
liberation  
end  
surrender

fighting  
party  
festival  
germany  
celebrate



# Activity 3

## VE Day Teacup Design

Victory in Europe (VE) Day took place on 8th May 1945. It marked the end of the Second World War in Europe.

VE Day was commemorated in many ways, including the production of special cups.



- Do you recognise the people on the cup? Who are they?
- Why is there a flag on the cup?
- What do you think the slogan on the cup means?
- Why do you think commemorative cups like this were made?

Design your own VE Day cup. Think about your design and make sure it is bright and eye-catching.

You could include flags, important buildings or people who were involved in the Second World War.



# Activity 4

## Colouring Activity

