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VE DAY 8th May 1945 – What was it?
The end of the war

• On the previous slide when you clicked on the sound icon you heard Vera Lynn singing, ‘We’ll Meet Again’. This was a song that had kept spirits raised during World War 2 in the fight against Nazi Germany.

• On 7 May 1945 the formal act of military surrender was signed by Germany, ending the war in Europe.

• The next day celebrations broke out all over the world to mark Victory in Europe or VE Day.

• In Britain, Churchill marked the occasion by declaring 8 May a public holiday.

• People held parties, danced and sang in the streets.

• Huge crowds gathered in London, both on Whitehall to hear Churchill speak and outside Buckingham Palace where King George VI and the Royal Family appeared on the balcony.
What had war been like?

- Many people suffered as a result of bombings known as the Blitz.
- Families evacuated their children from the cities to the countryside to keep them safe.
- People had to follow strict government guidelines and advice as part of their everyday lives, which is something we are having to do now.
- People had to follow orders given such as food rationing. Everyone had a ration book and campaigns such as Dr Carrot and Potato Pete, encouraged people to ‘Dig for Victory’ and grow their own food.
Churchill spoke to the crowds on VE Day
People celebrated in London and Churchill addressed...
People danced in the streets
People had street parties all across Britain...