

KEEP CALM AND CARRY ON

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CHALLENGE

How much does everyone know about Victory in Europe Day? Spend some time researching what happened on this important day in 1945. You might find these links helpful:

- <http://tiny.cc/whatis-veday>
- <http://tiny.cc/ve-dayphotos>
- <http://tiny.cc/ve-dayresources>

You could put together a **Powerpoint presentation** to show your findings, or imagine you were a reporter at the time and **write a newspaper report** of the events.

DID YOU KNOW?

In the evening on 8th May 1945, Buckingham Palace was lit up by floodlights for the first time since 1939 and two searchlights made a giant 'V' above St Paul's Cathedral.

TALK ABOUT

Talk about the lyrics of this song. As well as relating to World War II, there are many lines that are relevant to today, such as, *'What can we do when our friends and families are so far away?'*. Discuss ways that your family can *'keep calm and carry on'* and *'keep the home fires burning'* in these difficult times.

SHARE IT

Why not **perform this song to your neighbours, or wider family via video chat?** You could **dress up in 1940s-style accessories** such as a flat cap, shorts, knitted pullovers, vintage-style dresses or skirts and blouses. Older children might like to join in the **UK-wide singalong to Vera Lynn's *We'll Meet Again*, organized by The Royal British Legion, at 9pm.**

**“IN ALL OUR
LONG HISTORY WE HAVE
NEVER SEEN A GREATER
DAY THAN THIS. EVERYONE,
MAN OR WOMAN, HAS
DONE THEIR BEST.”**
Sir Winston Churchill

Song taken from
Treachery At Traitors' Quay
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