VE day 75th Anniversary

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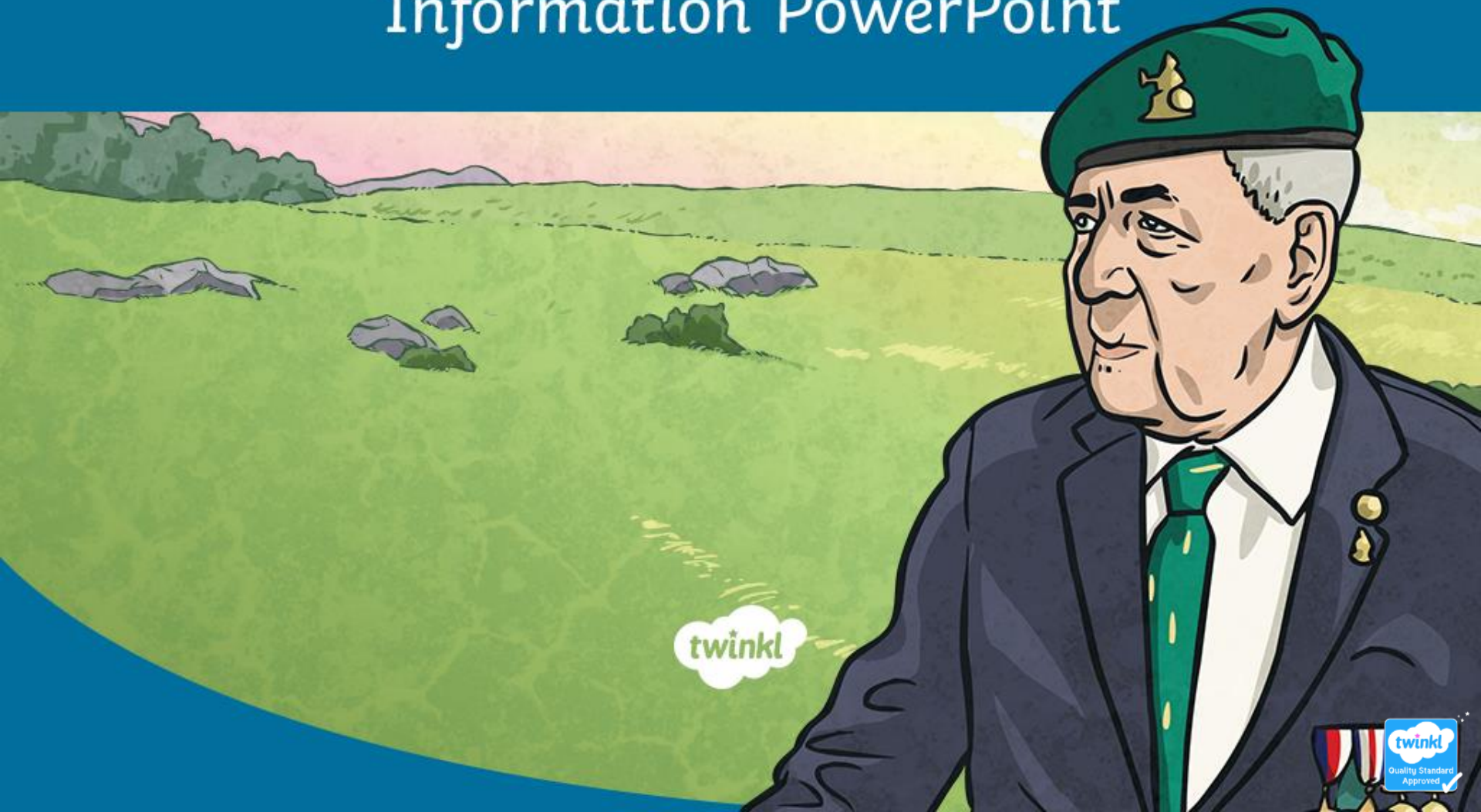

VE Day - 75 Years

The year 2020 marks 75 years since the original VE Day!

But what was VE day?

Here are some images of people celebrating the first VE Day.

Does anyone have any ideas what VE Day might be?

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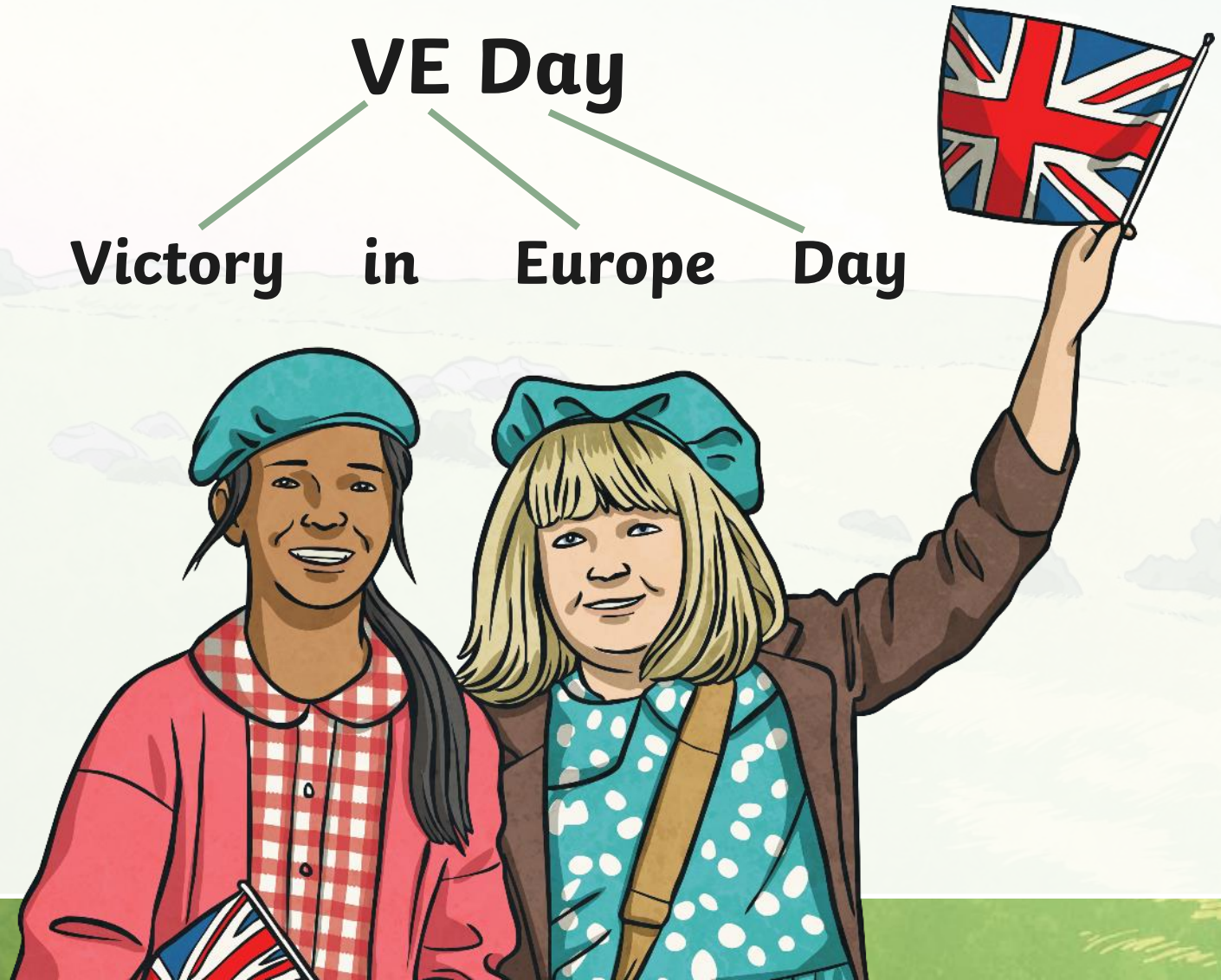
What is VE Day?

VE Day

Victory in Europe Day



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Second World War

Britain had been at war since September 1939.
The war had caused great hardships for the entire country.

Cities, such as Coventry, London and Plymouth were badly bombed and many were killed. Buildings were destroyed and people were left homeless.

It was usually impossible for soldiers to visit home due to the war.

384,000 British soldiers were killed and many more were wounded.

Food was rationed; before the war, Britain imported lots of its food from abroad. With German submarines manning the seas, importing food was too risky.

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The End

By the end of April 1945, the leader of Italy, Benito Mussolini and the leader of Germany, Adolf Hitler, were dead. Germany was in ruins.

On 7th May, at 2.41 a.m., in Reims in France, Germany surrendered. This meant that the war in Europe was over.

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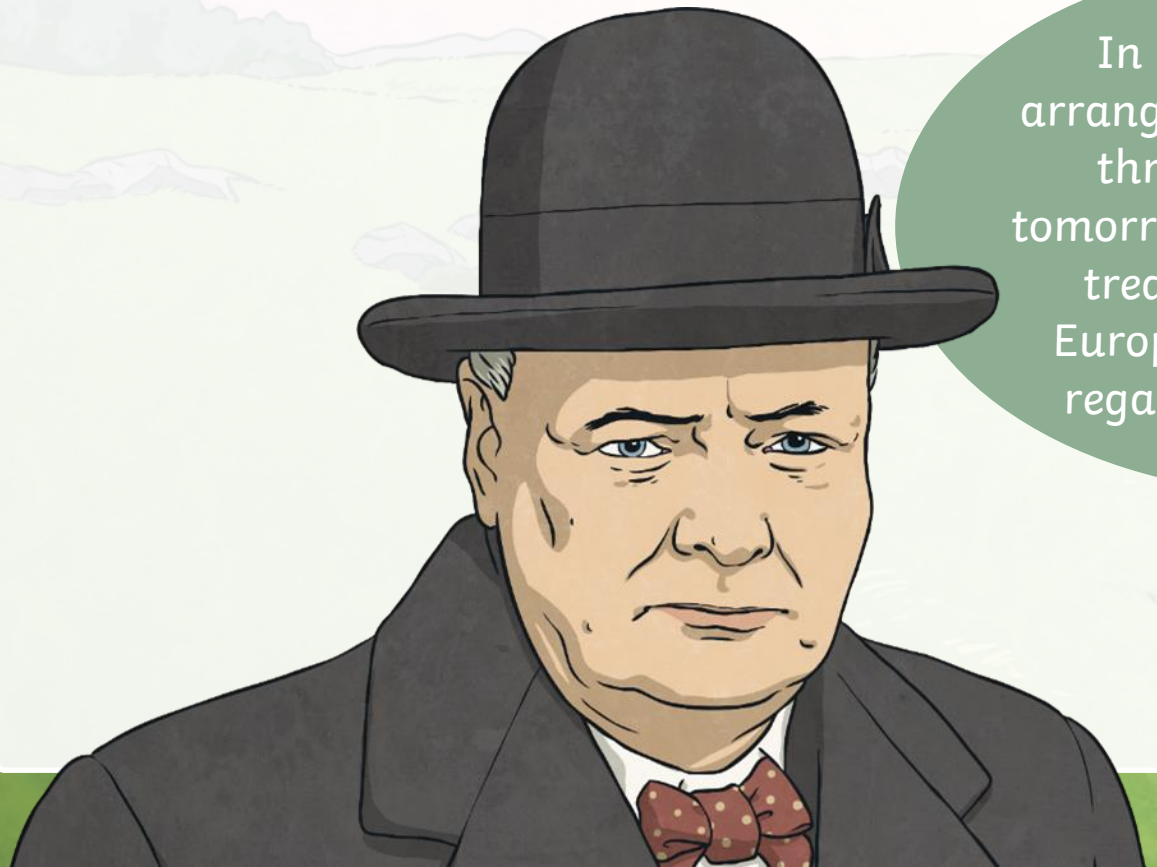
The News Spreads

Before long, the exciting news spread that the war in Europe was over. People ran out on the streets to celebrate and church bells were rung to spread the news.



In accordance with arrangements between the three great powers, tomorrow, Tuesday, will be treated as Victory in Europe Day and will be regarded as a holiday.

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VE Day

The following day was one of great celebration. Churchill made a speech in which he said: 'My dear friends, this is your hour. This is not victory of a party or of any class. It's a victory of the great British nation as a whole.'

Communities had street parties and churches held services of thanksgiving.

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VE Day 2020

To celebrate 75 years since the original VE Day, the May Day Bank Holiday has been moved for the second time in history.

Although it's usually on a Monday, this year, the May Day Bank Holiday will be on Friday 8th May to coincide with the anniversary of VE Day.

The last time the May Day Bank Holiday was moved was also for VE Day - to celebrate its 50th Anniversary in 1995!

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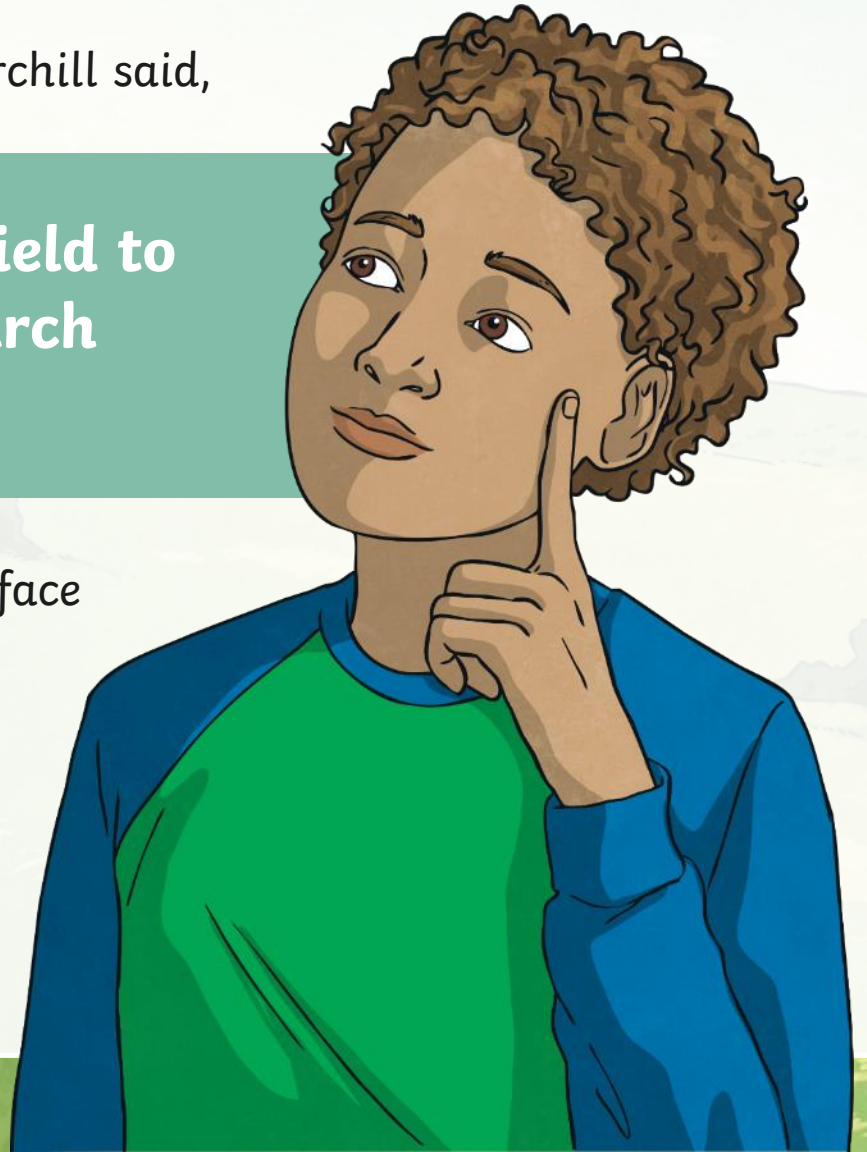
Time to Reflect

In his VE Day speech, Winston Churchill said,

“Do not despair, do not yield to violence and tyranny, march straight forward.”

How can you keep going when you face difficult or worrying times?



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