D-Day 76th Anniversary

What is D-Day?

The Second World War occurred between 1939 and 1945, due to the rise of the Nazi party in Germany and their attempts to invade other European countries. D-Day was an event during the Second World War, when on the 6th June 1844, Allied troops from Britain, France, Canada and America, landed on the beaches of Normandy in France to attack the Nazi forces occupying France. The battle is very famous and was very important in turning the tide of the war, leading to an eventual victory for the Allied forces.

Here are some interesting activities to remember D-Day. We would love you to share your learning with us either by email or on our school twitter @EllisonPrimary
Enjoy! ☺

D-Day Explained

This YouTube video, made for children, does a great job of explaining what D-Day was, using actual footage taken from the D-Day landings. In total 156,000 troops landed on the beaches of Normandy on D-Day, with 12,000 aircraft and 7000 ships. The troops landed on five beaches, codenamed, Utah, Omaha, Gold, Juno and Sword.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lHLN4sx457A

The Fallen of WWII

In total between 70 and 86 million people died during World War II, a number bigger than the population of the UK. This website shows these deaths in a series of graphs allows you to either watch an award winning video or interact with them. While nothing but graphs are shown, younger children may not want to watch. For older children however the presentation gives a moving and thought provoking look at how many casualties occurred and how different countries suffered.
http://www.fallen.io/ww2/



Spitfires

Spitfires were one of the most important aircraft used in the Second World War and during D-Day 55 squadrons on Spitfires were used. The spitfires were so successful due to their unique design, agility and the fact that they could be easily upgraded. Read the link below to find out more about Spitfires
https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/why-do-we-love-the-spitfire/z7p4f4j

Reginald Mitchell

http://www.bbc.co.uk/stoke/content/articles/2006/04/06/local_heroes_reginald_rj_mitchell_feature.shtml
https://www.stokemuseums.org.uk/pmag/build-your-own-spitfire/
The designer of the Spitfire was a man called Reginald Mitchell. Reginald Mitchell came from Butt Lane in Newcastle Under Lyme, just a few miles up the road from our school. There is even a road near Tunstall called Reginald Mitchell Way, if you ask a grown up to drive along it you may even be able to spot the Spitfires cut into the grass. Read the link above to find out more about Reginald Mitchell and then click the second link to make your very own Spitfire thanks to the Stoke on Trent Potteries Museum.



Singing

Just like now, singing was a big part of life back in the 1940's, especially songs to keep people's spirits up during the tough times. Take some time to think of which songs make you feel happy and if you are having a hard time try putting them on to you smile. Here is a funny Spitfire song from the Horrible History team.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GLUyEXO-jl0



Watch



https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/teach/dday-collection/zrhxkmn

Explore these video clips to find out more. You could discuss your learning with a family member or use these video clips to write from different points of view – for example, as a civilian hearing about the turning point in the war, and what it means for them.

Research

Here is an interesting and informative PowerPoint about the D-Day landings in Normandy in June 1944.

https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/t-h-162-ks1-d-day-information-powerpoint

What else can you find out about D-Day? Use this information to create your own quiz or fact file.

eBook

Each page of this lovely eBook features a wealth of information about different aspects of World War II.

https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/t2-h-5287-world-war-ii-ebook

CBBC Quiz

https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/quizzes/horrible-histories-heroic-home-front-world-war-two-quiz

Explore this fun online quiz to test your knowledge.

Newspaper report

Use the information on this website to write your own newspaper report to announce the outbreak of the war. Remember to include a headline, what, where, when why and who. You can also include the events that lead up to the Second World War and also quotes.



https://www.primaryresources.co.uk/history/outbreak.htm

World War Two propaganda posters





Propaganda is a form of public information with the design of spreading one central message as wide as possible. Often Propaganda is misunderstood to be solely for the purpose of misinformation or brainwashing but it is fundamentally just the communication of a message in a broad sense.

Explore these World War Two propaganda posters

https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/t-t-5635-word-war-two-propaganda-posters

- Why do you think propaganda was used in Britain?
- What type of propaganda posters do you think Germany would have printed at that time?
- What else can you find out about propaganda posters?

Use your research to create your own poster that could have been used at that time.

Design

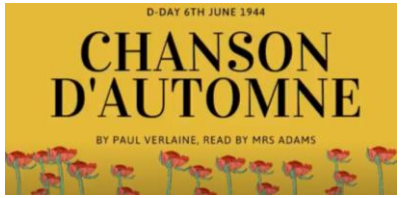


D-Day was the largest invasion in history and it happened on 6th June 1944. Soldiers from Allied nations, including the USA, UK and Canada, went to liberate France from being occupied by Nazi Germany. Medals are often given to soldiers for showing bravery during a conflict. Use this activity sheet to design a medal showcasing your D Day learning.

https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/d-day-design-a-medal-activity-t-h-246

Poem

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1riryPN7ijBWU0KvqwDOjcaoYSuHzvphf/view?usp=sharing



Here is a poem called Chanson D'automne by Paul Verlaine, read by our very own Mrs Adams (RA) Research what this poem means and use it to inspire your own poetry. You could write it or perform it to members of your family.

Reading

This comprehension activity is a great way to explore D-Day. The resources comes with a choice of three differentiated sheets of text and comprehension questions to answer.

https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/t-h-163-ks1-d-day-differentiated-reading-comprehension-activity KS1

https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/t2-h-5487-ks2-d-day-differentiated-reading-comprehension-activity KS2

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