

Year 5 English Home Learning

Term 5 week 3

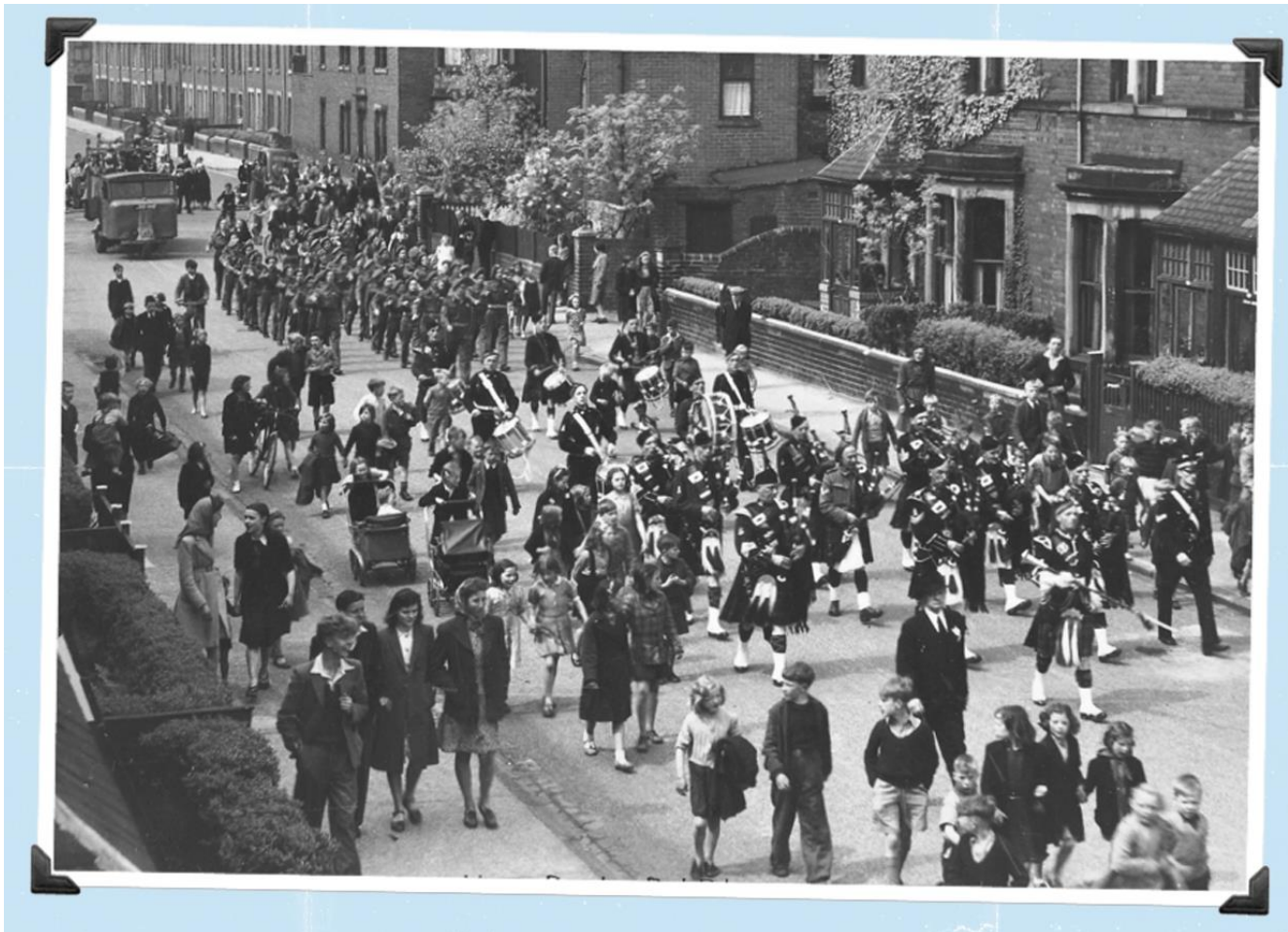
Lesson 2

VE Day – response to pictures

On VE Day, people held big celebrations across Britain such as parades or street parties. The largest crowds were in London with one crowd reaching up to 50,000 people celebrating into the night. Huge crowds also gathered outside Buckingham Palace where the King and Queen, their daughters and the Prime Minister appeared on the balcony to greet everyone.

Activity

Create a soundscape! Look closely at the picture and now imagine you are in it– list all of the sounds you can hear. Be descriptive!



This image was taken on VE Day - two small girls waving their flags in the rubble of Battersea, London. Homes, buildings and streets had been damaged across the UK during the war. Everyone had worked hard to end the war but there was still a lot more work to do – the country needed to be rebuilt.

Activity

Complete thought bubbles to show what the two little girls might have been thinking and feeling on VE Day.

Homes, buildings and streets were damaged

I...

I...



what might they be thinking or feeling?


what do you notice in the background of this picture?

Winston Churchill gave a speech recognising the importance of remembering those who lost their lives. On VE day, there was a mix of feelings. It was a time for celebrating the end of the war, but it wasn't only a celebration, it was also a sad time.

Triumph and Sorrow on VE Day

“ Let us turn our thoughts to this day of ...
triumph and ... sorrow.”

Winston Churchill

 **Triumph:** a great victory or achievement

 **Sorrow:** a feeling of great sadness



Why do you think people felt both victorious and sad on VE day?

We are experiencing a very uncertain and unusual time in our lives. What things have you felt triumphant and sad about during lock down?