Put on your party hats, string up your bunting and wave your flags to celebrate the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee using resources from Espresso. Below are some festive cross-curricular ideas around planning a party that you, your pupils or the whole school could get involved in to commemorate this special occasion.

Introduce the festivities
Help your pupils understand why we are celebrating the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee. Read how people around the country are marking this occasion and then get pupils to think about how they would like to celebrate. You could use:
- News 1 > My first newspaper > The Queen’s Diamond Jubilee

Budget for your party
Challenge your higher ability pupils by giving them a budget and asking them to plan how they would spend it on a Jubilee party. They will need to consider decorations, invitations, food and entertainment. You could use:
- KS1 and KS2 > History > Diamond Jubilee collection > Plan a Diamond Jubilee party

Create the invitations
Ask your pupils to think about who they’d like to invite. Use the Invitation creator to make your own invitations with all the party details. It can then be printed off and given out. You could use:
- KS1 and KS2 > History > Diamond Jubilee collection > Street party invitation designer

Design your flags
Have fun making flags and bunting to decorate your party or classroom. You could make the Union Jack or get your Early Years pupils create their own flag. They could try different techniques such as collage or painting. You could use:
- KS1 and KS2 > History > Diamond Jubilee collection > Make a Union Jack

Prepare the food
Ask your pupils what sort of food they like eating at parties. Have they got any favourite recipes? They might like to try making one of Espresso’s favourites such as Berry Nice Lollies or Speedy Cookies. You could use:
- KS1 > PSHE > Healthy and fitness (Resource box) > Healthy eating

Make a timeline of past events
Look back at previous Jubilee celebrations. How is the Diamond Jubilee different? Pupils could make a timeline of past royal events. You could use:
- KS2 > History > 20th Century Archive

See how life has changed
Show pupils the Queen’s coronation video and then ask them to think about how life has changed since 1953. Pupils could imagine they were a child cheering in the crowd and then write a story about what they see. You could use:
- KS2 > History > The Royal Family (Resource box) > Coronations and jubilees

Be the Queen for a day
Make your very own crowns to use at your party. Ask pupils what they would do if they were Queen? Or wear the crown yourself for a fun ‘hot seating’ activity where pupils ask you what it is like to be the Queen. You could use:
- KS1 and KS2 > History > Diamond Jubilee collection > Make a crown

Write a news report
Ask pupils to pretend they are news reporters before and during your party. Pupils could interview each other and report back to the class or create their own newspaper. You could use:
- KS1 and KS2 > History > Diamond Jubilee collection > Create a newspaper

We’d love to see how you celebrate the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee. Send your photos to support@espresso.co.uk and you might just see them on Espresso!