



The Windrush



Year Group: 5

Subject Focus: History/ Geography

Term: Summer 2

Key facts

- After WW2, Britain needed more men and women to work in industry because of a shortage of workers.
- The British government advertised for people to come and help to re-build the country.
- At the time, Caribbean countries were colonies that were part of the British Empire and therefore the people were British citizens.
- Empire Windrush brought the first large group of West Indian immigrants to the UK.
- People travelled thousands of miles across the Atlantic from the Caribbean to Britain.
- People were told that they would find a better way of life.
- When they arrived, many immigrants were not given equal rights or opportunities.
- Many of them experienced racism and discrimination.
- In recent years, many of the original Windrush settlers and their families were threatened with removal from the UK because the government had not given them the correct paperwork.

Did you know?

The Empire Windrush, originally called the Monte Rosa, was a passenger liner and cruise ship launched in Germany in 1930.



The ship sank in the Mediterranean Sea in March 1954, after a fire on board.

Map of The Caribbean



Exciting books/ web links:



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/43793769>

Key words:

Empire Windrush	the ship used to carry immigrants from the Caribbean to the UK.
citizen	a legally recognised person of a country or commonwealth
colony	a country that is or was controlled by another country
commonwealth	a family of 54 countries from all over the world who work towards common goals
discrimination	wrongly judging another person due their race, religion, lifestyle choices, colour or gender.
immigrant	someone who has come to a country
inequality	when things are not equal
migrant	someone who has left their home country to live in another
nationality	belonging to a particular country
prejudice	hatred or unfair treatment toward a person or group without cause or reason

Parents as partners:

- Draw the flags of some of the Caribbean countries.
- Make a model of the ship using junk materials.
- Create a Windrush quiz
- Visit some of the websites listed on this page and talk about what you discover:
 1. <https://www.activityvillage.co.uk/windrush-day>
 2. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Si3IRAPJkkU>
 3. <https://www.museumoflondon.org.uk/museum-london-docklands/windrush-stories>