



History

Year 4

Spring 1

(Windrush)



Key Questions

Why would people leave the Caribbean for Britain?

What was life in the Caribbean like after WW2?

Why would people from the Caribbean migrate to Britain and how did they travel to Britain?

What challenges did they find when they got here?

Why were they treated in the way they were?

What contributions have they made to life in Britain?

Key Facts

- In 1948, Britain was just starting to recover from World War II. Thousands of buildings had been bombed and houses were destroyed.
- In the Caribbean, lots of young people had served in the British armed forces.
- After the war, some of these people answered an advert to come to Britain.
- The Empire Windrush arrived at Tilbury on 22 June 1948
- The passengers were the first large group of West Indian immigrants to the UK after the Second World War.

Vocabulary

Word	Definition
Armed forces	Army, Navy and Air Force
Benefits	A payment made to someone who is
Caribbean	Countries in the Caribbean Sea between North and South America
Discrimination	Treating one person or group of people less fairly or less well than
Immigrant	A person who comes to live
Racism	Discriminating against people based on their race, national or ethnic

1939–1945	22 June 1948	1959	1966	1948–1970	1971	2012	22nd June 2018	August 2018
World War II	The Empire Windrush arrived at Tilbury in Essex	The first carnival was put on at St Pancras Town Hall	The first outdoor festival took place in the streets of Notting Hill.	500,000 people moved from the Caribbean to Britain	Children of those who arrived were told they could stay in Britain	People told they needed official documents e.g. Passports to get benefits	First Windrush Day	People told they can stay in Britain and not be sent back to the Caribbean