

Grange Park Primary School Year 6 Summer 2 History

Windrush generation 1949-71 AD

| Timeline (AD) | |
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| 13 December 1930 | The ship was launched in Hamburg, Germany, but it wasn't called the Windrush yet—its original name was the MV Monte Rosa |
| 1939–1945: Second World War | At the end of the war, the British capture the ship as a "prize of war" |
| 1946 | The ship is officially renamed the HMT Empire Windrush after the River Windrush in the Cotswolds |
| May 1948 | Advertisements appear in Jamaican newspapers offering a trip to Britain for £28 and 10 shillings (about £1,000 today) |
| 24 May 1948 | The Windrush sets sail from Kingston, Jamaica, with over 1,000 passengers on board |
| 22 June 1948 | The ship arrives at Tilbury Docks in Essex, marking the start of the Windrush Generation |
| 1959 | To bring people together, the first "Caribbean Carnival" (which later became the Notting Hill Carnival) is held |
| 1971 | The Immigration Act is passed, which officially ends the "Windrush era" of mass migration |

| Key People/Events | |
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| Baroness Floella Benjamin | She became a famous TV presenter and wrote a best-selling book for children called Coming to England |
| Sam King | He was an RAF veteran who travelled on the Windrush in 1948 as the first Black Mayor of Southwark. |
| Claudia Jones | She is often called the "Mother of the Carnival" because she organised the first celebrations to promote cultural unity |
| Althea McNish | A famous textile designer from the Windrush Generation whose colourful patterns changed British fashion |
| Immigration Act | Passed in 1971 which ended the main era of the Windrush Generation's arrival |
| National Health Service (NHS) | Many people from the Caribbean came to the UK to help start and staff this new service |
| Windrush Day | Now celebrated every year |

| Key Vocabulary | |
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| economic | Relating to money, jobs, and resources. |
| political | Relating to government, laws, and power. |
| environmental | Relating to nature, climate, and surroundings. |
| cultural | Relating to shared traditions, beliefs, and lifestyles. |
| immigration | Moving permanently to live in another country. |
| Caribbean | A region of islands and coasts in the Caribbean Sea. |
| Empire Windrush | The famous ship that brought the first large group of Caribbean migrants to the UK in 1948. |
| Windrush generation | Caribbean people who moved to the UK between 1948 and 1973 to help rebuild the country after WWII. |
| deportation | Legally forcing someone to leave a country. |
| discrimination | Unfair treatment of people based on traits like race, age, or gender. |

