

### Key Facts

- In 1948, Britain was just starting to recover from World War II. Thousands of buildings had been bombed, houses were destroyed and it all needed to be rebuilt.
- In the Caribbean, lots of young people had served in the British armed forces because at the time, many Caribbean countries were still under British rule.
- After the war, some of these people answered an advert to come to Britain where there were lots of different jobs to do.
- Other people just wanted to see Britain, which they had heard so much about.
- The Empire Windrush arrived at Tilbury on 22 June 1948
- Of the 1027 passengers, 539 were from Jamaica wishing to start a new life in the United Kingdom
- The passengers were the first large group of West Indian immigrants to the UK after the Second World War.
- They were faced with discrimination and racism because of the colour of their skin.



# History Year 4 Spring 1 (Windrush)



### Vocabulary

Word	Definition
Armed forces	Army, Navy and Air Force
Benefits	A payment made to someone who is entitled to it
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 other people or groups
Immigrant	A person who comes to live permanently in a foreign country.
Racism	Discriminating against people based on their race, national or ethnic background

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

