

Windrush Connections

School Session Overview

October 2025

Key information	
Length of session: 90 minutes Key Stage: KS2 (Yr 5 & Yr 6 only) Location(s) of session: Classroom	
Learning objectives	Curriculum links
Learners will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understand the story of HMT Empire Windrush and why we mark Windrush Day in the UK Explore stories of different generations connected to Windrush and the struggles they faced Make connections to their lives today 	KS2 History, Geography, Citizenship <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pupils should be taught a study of an aspect or theme in British history that extends pupils' chronological knowledge beyond 1066 - A local history study
Key words	
Migration, Culture, Infer, Subtext	
Overview of the session	
Introduction Learners are introduced to the Museum and discuss what is meant by the term migration.	
Luggage Tags Each learner is given a luggage tag with details of a real person who came to the UK from the Caribbean or was born in the UK during the Windrush generation. They discuss as a whole class and move around to arrange themselves by island, age group and roles/occupations.	
What is Windrush? Learners examine different picture clues to think about what the word Windrush means.	
Object Handling and Exploration In 5 groups learners unpack a case filled with handling objects, documents and clues to a real person who migrated to the UK from the Caribbean. Learners see what they can infer from the contents of the cases and then explore additional quotes and images relating to the life of each Windrush elder. Each case is co-created with the person whose story it depicts.	
Discussion Feedback on the cases and the stories of the people they represent, including experiences of prejudice and racism.	
Plenary The legacies and ongoing contributions of Windrush generations to UK culture.	

Suggested pre visit knowledge/ activities	Suggested post visit activities
<p>Learn about British life from the 1940's to 1970's and why people were invited to resettle in the UK.</p> <p>Learn about sharing culture and the role migration plays in this.</p>	<p>Use the Windrush Connections resource below to find out about more objects relating to Windrush and hear conversations between primary school children and Windrush elders.</p>
Links to useful resources	
Windrush Connections: In conversation Royal Museums Greenwich	
Windrush Teacher Resource Royal Museums Greenwich	
Content guidance	
Conversations on racism and discrimination	