

Year 6

British History Beyond 1066 – Post World War One and Two, How has Windrush immigration impacted on society and government and changed the way in which we live our lives today?

| Key Vocabulary | |
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| British Empire | Countries and lands that were once under the rule of Britain and its monarch. |
| British Nationality Act | The laws and rules that allow someone to be concerned British and live in the UK. |
| Commonwealth | an international association consisting of the UK together with states that were previously part of the British Empire |
| Empire | a group of nations or peoples ruled over by one person, country and government. |
| Immigration | the action of coming to live permanently in a foreign country |
| Emigration | movement of people from one place to another with intentions of settling, permanently or temporarily, at a new location |
| Windrush | people who emigrated from the Caribbean to Britain on the British ship the Empire Windrush in 1948 |

How did the commonwealth change after the war?

- 1931- The Commonwealth of Nations is formed
- During WWII, British colonies, including Africa and India, made a significant contribution to the WWII war effort.
- After WWII, colonies believed they had earned a right to independence from the British Empire.
- Britain faced economic problems because of the cost of the war, and it was becoming harder to run the Empire.
- Many countries are granted independence, with some choosing to be members of the Commonwealth.



What impact did Windrush and immigration have on society?

- After WW2, mass immigration of people coming to work in Britain began.
- The 1948 British Nationality Act said that all Commonwealth citizens could have British passports and work in the UK.
- The *Empire Windrush* (1948) – The arrival of people from the Caribbean immigrants to the UK. Most immigrants experienced racial discrimination and violence.
- Since the Windrush and migration, society has changed significantly.
- Culture, diversity music and arts have all been inspired by the different cultures that society is made up from
- Anti-racist laws and the Equality Act ensure that everyone
- should be treated fairly and equally.

