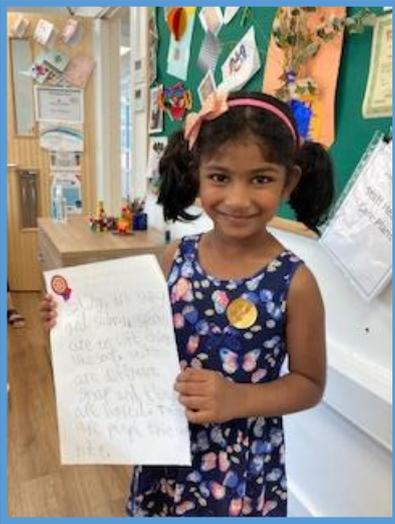


NEWSLETTER

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The first group of reception children have successfully completed their 2 weeks in school and we shall be really sorry to see them leave. They finished the week with a picnic and mini sports day, which they thoroughly enjoyed-as did the teachers. They have also made some speech bubbles about their memories of this very strange time. These are going to be added to our time capsule, which will be buried in the ground for a future generation to discover!



Did you know that Monday 22nd June was Windrush day? This marked the arrival of the ship

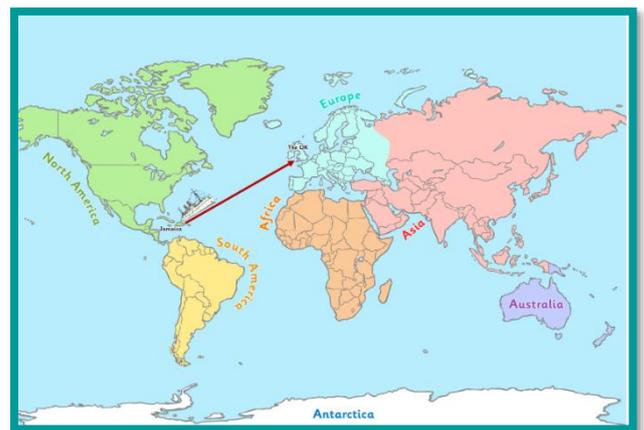
The Empire Windrush at Tilbury on 22 June 1948, carrying 493 passengers from Jamaica and other Caribbean countries. June 22nd is now known as Windrush Day, a day introduced in 2018 to celebrate the Windrush generation.

But, who are the Windrush Generation? Windrush Day honours the British Caribbean community, and celebrates those people who came to the UK from the late 1940s onwards to help rebuild the country after the Second World War. Most people had a one-way ticket, they were looking for work, adventure, money and some wanted the opportunity to begin a new life in the 'Mother Country' (Britain was called this by those who lived in the British Empire).

In 1948, the Windrush carried the first of the large groups of Caribbean migrants to come to Britain. Many of these passengers settled in South London. Aboard were experienced cleaners, labourers, nurses, builders, including one stow-away who was discovered a week into the journey!

Windrush day is very important as it provides an opportunity to say thank you to the people from the Caribbean who helped rebuild Britain after World War 2, often by doing the toughest of jobs: builders, bus drivers, tube drivers, domestic staff and nurses. It is also a day that acknowledges that many of these new arrivals to the UK were not treated in a fair and reasonable way. Many were victims of racism so recently the government has acknowledged that they had treated some of the Windrush generation poorly by saying they were not proper British citizens.

Windrush Day helps us to celebrate the fact that our country is a more vibrant and open society thanks to those brave travelers in 1948. The Windrush generation brought new music, food, culture and ideas that have become part of British culture.



I have been recommended a couple of good YouTube films that may help parents to explain the term racism and the impact that racist behaviour can have. You might want to share them with your children:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LnaltG5N8nE>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=whR_Jlzknp0

As we enter another week of lock down, for many life is becoming increasingly difficult. We want to tell you that we are immensely proud of all our children and families for doing what they can at this difficult time. It is hard, you are not alone in the days when you struggle but be reassured that if you are doing your best it will always be good enough.

NEST recently sent out a letter explaining that we hope to have all children back in school in September. We sincerely wish it could be sooner but the DfE guidance remains that pupils should not be added or mixed into existing bubbles. We are waiting to hear if this DfE guidance is going to be changed before the end of the year. When we receive the official guidance, a further clarification letter will be sent out to parents regarding the last two weeks of term. Presently, all schools remain open to existing pupils only. We will keep you updated. In the meantime, look out for our zoom timetable of lessons. This website also has some useful advice for parents:

<https://www.starline.org.uk/>

This week the PTFA kindly gave Year 6 their Leaver's Hoodies to enjoy in their last few weeks of term. The children were so thrilled with them that they have been wearing them despite the scorching heat! Thank you so much PTFA!



Wishing you all a wonderful weekend

Mrs Williams