



# *Week 1*

# Our History Learning Journey

## Key vocabulary:

Windrush Generation

Travelled

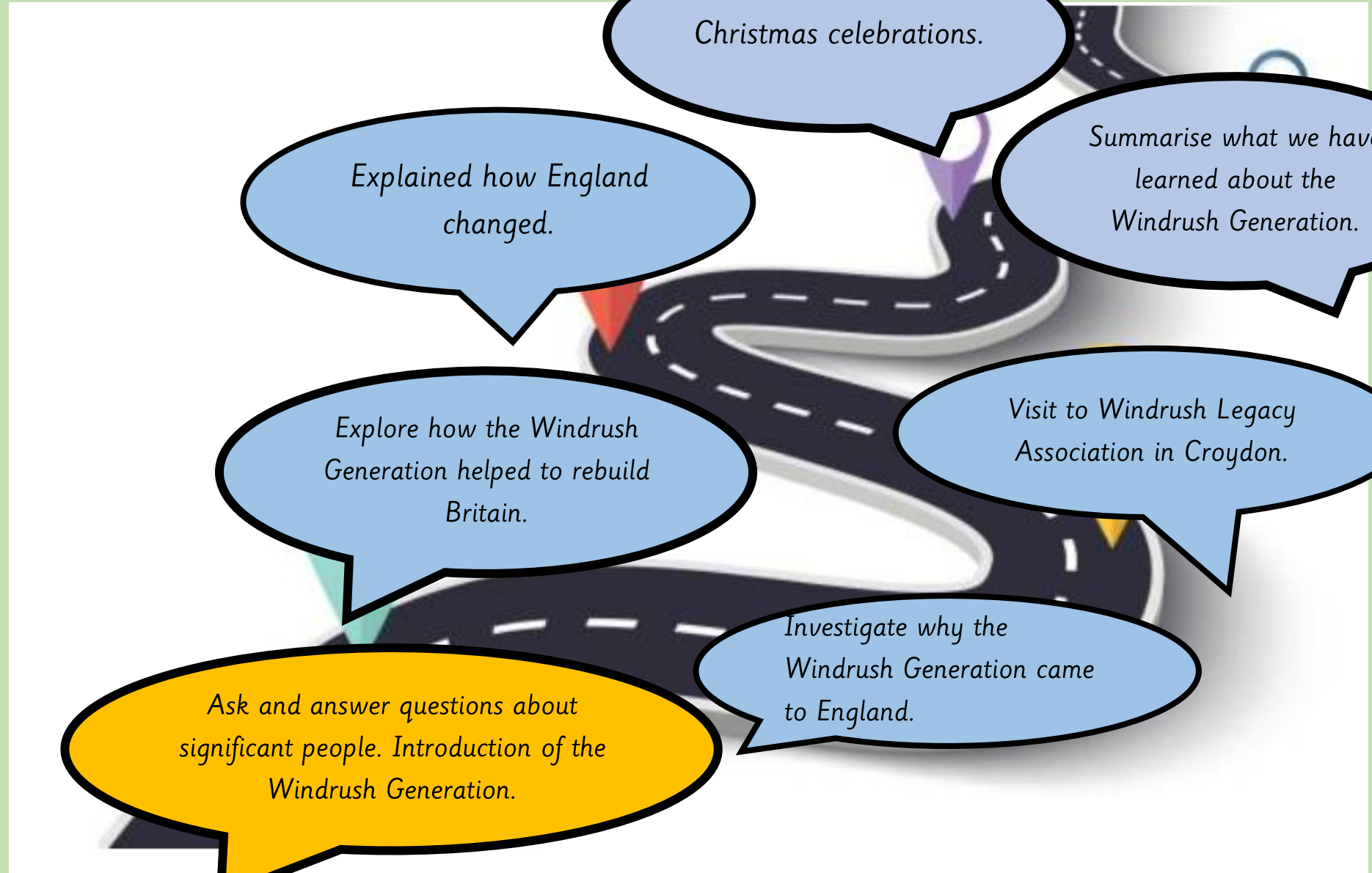
Country

Transformed

Changes

Past

Caribbean



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LQ: Can I ask and answer questions?

## Steps to Success



All - I can ask questions.

Most – I can explain the changes that have happened.

Some – I can discuss my family history.

# STAR WORDS

Country

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Past



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This term we are going to learn about **significant people** in the past who helped transform this country, England. Our topic is called '**Hard Working Humans**'.

TP: What do you already know about significant people?



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TASK – Discussion based enquiry lesson

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Martin Luther King Jr was an American activist and one of the most prominent leaders in the civil rights movement.

What do you already know about significant people who have made changes?



Rosa Parks was an American activist in the civil rights movement known for her bus boycott.

Sentence starter:

I know that \_\_\_\_\_ made changes because...

I know that \_\_\_\_\_ is a significant individual because...

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The people on this boat are called the **‘Windrush Generation’**. These people travelled from the **Caribbean** to come to **England** because they were invited by **Queen Elizabeth II** to help transform (rebuild) the country.



Did You Know...?



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The journey from the Caribbean across the Atlantic took about four weeks.

Many passengers travelled on the Windrush looking for **better job opportunities** and a chance to **rebuild their lives** in Britain. The British government had advertised for workers to help fill job shortages and support the country's recovery after the war. For many, the journey was a **hope for a brighter future**, with the promise of stable jobs and the chance to contribute to Britain from which their country was governed.

The trip cost around **£28.10** sillings (about **£1,000** today), which was a significant amount but seen as an investment in a new beginning in a country that needed them.



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## Britain in 1948

*In 1948, Britain was still recovering from the damage caused by the Second World War. The country needed more workers, especially in transportation, healthcare and construction (building).*



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## Arriving in the UK

When the Windrush passengers arrived in the UK, they disembarked at Tilbury Docks and then travelled on to other parts of the country.



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TP: Why do you think all these suitcases are on the ground?



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TP: What do you think they are waiting for?



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It is estimated that over **500,000** people belong to the **Windrush generation**, contributing hugely to the UK. Here is the story of one significant individual.

**Baroness Floella Benjamin** moved to the UK as a child in **1960** from Trinidad.

She became a **famous children's television presenter, actor and writer.**

She now sits in the **House of Lords in Parliament.** Baroness Benjamin has received many **awards**, including an **OBE in 2001** and a **BAFTA in 2024**, for her contributions to television.



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**Class discussion:**

Who do you think these people are?

Why do you think they are on a boat?

Where do you think they have come from?

Where do you think they are going?

How do you think they are feeling?  
Why?

Did some of your family members come to England from a different country?



Self assessment

Do you understand why the Windrush Generation is significant?

