

Each year in June we celebrate some of the richness and diversity of British society, in particular the huge contributions of African Caribbean, Gypsy, Roma, Traveller and Refugee communities over the years.

HOME LEARNING ideas, activities and links to explore

for Windrush Day, Refugee Week and Gypsy, Roma & Traveller History Month

22 JUNE

WINDRUSH
DAY

CELEBRATING
GREAT BRITAIN'S
DNA

WINDRUSH Child by John Agard

Behind you doors closing and opening
Windrush child will things turn out right?
palm trees wave goodbye

above you At least the ship will arrive
Windrush child in midsummer light

seabirds asking why and you Windrush child
think of grandmother
telling you don't forget to write

around you and with one last hug
Windrush child walk good walk good
blue water rolling by and the sea's wheel carries on spinning

beside you and from that place
Windrush child England

your Windrush mum and dad you tell her in a letter
of your Windrush adventure

think of storytime yard
and mango mornings and new beginnings

and new beginnings stepping in a big ship



PRESTON WINDRUSH GENERATION & DESCENDANTS

[Click for more about Preston Windrush](#)

KS2 The Empire Windrush and Caribbean migration

Windrush Migration Education pack

this pack has activities on '[Windrush Child](#)'.
The poet dedicated the poem to Vince Reid,
13, one of the youngest on the boat.

It looks at why people migrate, at their spirit and bravery, their expectations, hopes and aspirations.



WINDRUSH FOUNDATION

<https://windrushfoundation.com/>



'Windrush Child' read by poet John Agard

A stop-motion adaptation of John Agard's poem 'Windrush Child', designed and animated by 6-11 year old children at The Green, Nunhead, mentored by Rainbow Collective as part of Black History Month 2018.



Refugee Week is the UK's largest festival celebrating the contribution of refugees and promoting an understanding of why people seek sanctuary

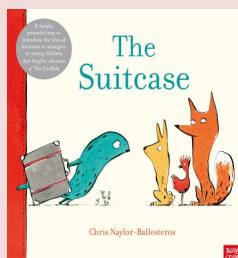
'Imagine' is the 2020 theme. This year Refugee Week will be held virtually. We hope more children and young people will take part this year than ever, whether at school or home - **draw, paint, write a story or poem about the world you want to see, watch a film or read a book about exile, visit an online gallery, learn a song or cook a meal from another country. Share your acts with friends and family, find out more on the website links below.** Click below for eight simple acts to make a stand with refugees and asylum seekers and to imagine a better world.

[Simple Acts](#)

[Activities for children and young people](#)

[British Red Cross: Refugees, you, me and those who came before +Refugees Welcome](#)

[Booktrust: books about refugees and asylum-seekers for children](#)



['The Suitcase' activity pack](#)

and reading

<https://youtu.be/lmizwPXjcSQ>

Kazzum Arts pack [Help them feel at Home](#) has lots of creative activities to encourage children and young people to think about the experiences of young asylum seekers and refugees, highlighting the positives, building empathy and challenging negative stereotypes. It tells the story of a young refugee named Sana, a toy dinosaur named Dino and their difficult journey to find safety in the UK. Click on [Help them feel at Home](#)



<https://www.marinarts.org/event/refugee-arts-show-mill-valley/>



"Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month celebrates the diverse ways that Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities add to the vibrancy of life in the UK and recognises the varied contributions that these communities have made to British society historically and today"

Richard O'Neill was born into a traditional nomadic Romany Gypsy family. He spent his childhood travelling and listening to stories around campfires. Today he's a critically acclaimed storyteller, author and playwright. He's shared some of his recent children's books and activities here, click on the links to the left.

Spot the Romani words.



Short video animations exploring Gypsy Roma and Traveller history and culture

<https://tiny.cc/GRTanimated> The remarkable history of Gypsies, Roma, and Travellers in Europe, beginning over 1,000 years ago, tells a story of diversity, creativity, and survival.

<https://tiny.cc/RoadsFromThePast> An animated history of Britain's Gypsies, Roma & Travellers

<http://www.romaniarts.co.uk/gypsy-ways/> - 'Gypsy Ways', the reminiscences of Laurel Price growing up in a traditional Vardo wagon in Cardiff in the 70's, before settling on a permanent site in the docklands of Cardiff.

