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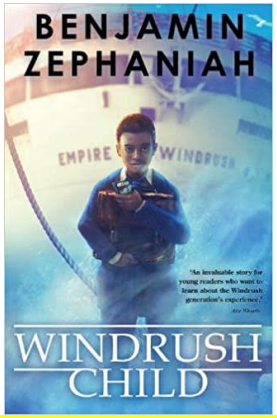
Literacy — *Year 5*

Genres of writing

Leaflets
Letter writing (informal register)
Newspaper reports
Poetry

Text(s)

Text: Windrush Child, by Benjamin Zephaniah. Windrush Child is about a boy called Leonard who arrives in Britain from Jamaica in 1945. The text, set in south London, follows his story of integration, interrogation and social prejudice.



Key skills

A relative clause is one kind of dependent clause. It has a subject and a verb but can't stand alone as a sentence. Often, relative clauses can be embedded within a main clause, usually marked by commas. They are embedded using the relative pronouns: who, whose, which, where and when.

'That' is the only relative pronoun that cannot form an embedded relative clause, as it is grammatically incorrect to use a comma before it.

A subordinate clause is another dependent clause that does not make sense without the main clause; its function is to add additional information. This clause can be used at the start or end of a sentence. It is marked by coordinating conjunctions: since, as, when, while, although, after, before, until and because.

Parenthesis – a word, phrase, or clause inserted into a sentence to add extra, subordinate or clarifying information.

Build cohesion within and across paragraphs by using transitional phrases and adverbials of time to show how a relationship between ideas logically connects sentences and paragraphs.

Reporting phrases used in speech, e.g., Leonard said, *"I travelled from Jamaica to Britain."*

Spelling

Spell words with endings: **-tial**

Spell words using verb prefixes: **dis-, de-, mis-, over-, re-**

Spell words with endings: **-ant, -ance**

Examples of skills

Embedded relative clause
E.g., Migrants from the Caribbean, who left their loved ones behind, wanted to help rebuild Britain.

Relative clause
E.g., Air raid shelters that housed Windrush migrants were not adequate.

Parenthesis
E.g., Use of commas - Migrants from the Caribbean, islands like Jamaica and Trinidad, moved to rebuild Britain.
E.g., Use of brackets - Migrants from the Caribbean (Jamaica and Trinidad) moved to rebuild Britain.
E.g., **Use of a hyphen in informal writing –** I was born in Kingston, Jamaica – a sunny part of the world.