

Florence Nightingale



Key Vocabulary

Infection – an illness caused by spreading germs.

Crimean War – the war that Florence Nightingale served in.

Patient – A person that is ill in hospital.

Red Cross – The award that was given to Florence for the amazing things she did.

Injured – somebody who is hurt.

Nurse – somebody who works in a hospital treating patients.

All about Florence

- She was born in 1820 in Italy.
- Her family moved to England when she was just a baby!
- She believed that God told her to spend her life looking after people so she became a Nurse.
- A war started and Florence went to go and look after the soldiers who had been hurt.

What happened to Florence?

Florence was loved and adored by all of the soldiers. They called her **'The lady with the lamp'** because she walked around the wards at night with a lantern.

Florence spent the rest of her life trying to make hospitals a better place for everybody!

Florence changed the world by making nursing an honourable profession and changing how sick people were cared for across Britain and the world.



She was awarded the Royal Red Cross by Queen Victoria in 1883

The horrendous hospitals!

- The hospitals where Florence worked were not very nice!
- There was not enough medicine to help all the poorly people.
- There wasn't enough beds for them to sleep in either!
- The food was not good quality which meant that people got even more ill at hospital!



What the nurses did

Florence wanted to make things better so she got the other nurses to help her!

- The nurses cleaned the hospitals from top to bottom!
- Florence told all the nurses to wash their hands all of the time to stop spreading infection.
 - The patients were served better food.

All of these things changed so many lives for the better!