



Springwell Park Primary School – History



Topic: How Did Florence Nightingale Help?

Phase: KS1

Focus: Knowledge and understanding of the world.

Key facts:

- Florence Nightingale was born in Italy in 1820, and moved to England when she was a baby.
- Florence Nightingale was from an influential family, and was expected to marry a suitable gentleman, but Florence refused in favour of education.
- Florence had a calling from God to become a nurse, going against her parents' wishes.
- Florence went to help in the Crimean War and completely transformed their hospital and improved fatality rates.
- A team of 38 nurses worked under Florence during the war, all of which were trained to the highest of standards.
- Florence became known internationally as The Lady with the Lamp.
- Florence was awarded an award from Queen Victoria in 1856.
- After the war, Florence worked with the UK Government to change the nursing profession in the UK and opened her own Nightingale School for Nurses.

The Nursing profession

Nursing prior to Florence

In 1837, nursing was not a respected career and was seen as a job for the lowest of society.

Nursing was one of the lowest paid jobs and was only for women who were not qualified to do anything else.

Hospitals were generally dirty buildings, and not sanitary.

Hospitals were associated with diseases, infection and contamination. Many patients' health declined during their stay.

There were no rules or guidelines for nurses to follow.

Nursing after Florence

Nursing became a respected career in society and people realised they were invaluable.

Via the likes of Nightingale School for Nurses, training prior to commencing the role became common practise.

Hospitals were sanitary and reducing infection a priority.

Drainage in hospitals were dramatically improved due to conversations with the UK government and Florence - increasing hygiene.

Florence ensured personal hygiene was a priority for nurses and had rules for nurses to follow in her published books.

Our Topic Vocabulary

Word	Definition	In context
Significant	When something is important and worthy of attention.	"Florence Nightingale is significant in the medicine field."
Influential	Having great influence on someone or something.	"Florence is very influential."
Injured	When someone is harmed or damaged.	"Florence helped the injured soldiers to get better."
Volunteered	When someone freely offers to do something without payment.	"Along with 38 nurses, Florence volunteered in the Crimean War."
Hygienic	When you actively make sure you are clean.	"Florence made sure that the hospitals were hygienic."
Vocation	When you have a sudden strong feeling towards a particular career.	"The vocation that Florence had was for nursing."
Qualifications	Award for passing an exam.	"Florence made sure that qualifications were a requirement for nursing."
Courageous	When danger or pain doesn't make you want to stop.	"The actions of Florence were courageous."
Impact	The result that an action can have.	"The impact that Florence had was very significant."



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