Florence Nightingale: The Lady with the Lamp

Learning objective: To understand who Florence Nightingale was and why she is a significant historical figure.

Read the questions carefully and use what you know about Florence Nightingale to write your answers. Think about how she helped people and why we remember her today.

Ellie the elephant has been reading all about Florence Nightingale! Florence was a brave nurse who went to help soldiers in a hospital far away. She noticed that the hospital was not very tidy and that the soldiers were not getting better. She worked very hard to make sure the hospital was clean and that the patients had fresh air and good food. At night, she walked through the dark wards holding a lamp to check on everyone. Because of this, she became known as 'The Lady with the Lamp'.

Word bank: hospital · nurse · lamp · clean · Scutari · soldiers · caring

1. What was Florence Nightingale's job? Use one word from the word bank. (1 mark)

2. Why did people call her 'The Lady with the Lamp'? Explain what she did at night. (2 marks)

3. Florence Nightingale thought that a hospital should be a clean place. Why is it important for a hospital to be clean? (2 marks)

4. If you were a nurse in the hospital with Florence, what is one thing you would do to help the soldiers feel better? (2 marks)

5. Florence Nightingale lived a long time ago. Write down one way we know about her today. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a picture of Florence Nightingale inside the hospital. Make sure to draw her holding her lamp!

Extension challenge: Max the monkey wants to know how much a new lamp costs today! If a small lamp costs £5 and a big lamp costs £8, how much more does the big lamp cost than the small lamp? Show your working out.