Florence Nightingale: The Lady with the Lamp

Learning objective: To understand the historical significance of Florence Nightingale and identify the key features of the hospital environment during the Crimean War.

Follow the drawing prompts to create a scene from the Scutari hospital. Use your labels from the word bank to identify important objects in your drawing. Think about how Florence helped the soldiers feel safe.

Draw: Draw a historical scene inside a hospital ward from the 1850s. Use a clear, pencil-sketch style. Include a long room with arched windows, stone floors, and rows of simple metal beds. Place Florence Nightingale in the middle of the room, holding a traditional oil lantern that casts a warm, yellow glow. Ensure the room looks clean and tidy to represent the changes Florence made.

Label words: Lamp · Bandages · Medicine · Bed · Florence Nightingale

Steps:

1. Step 1: Draw Florence Nightingale in the centre of your page wearing her nurse’s uniform and holding a lamp.
2. Step 2: Draw a row of beds along the side of the room. Label one bed as 'Soldier's bed'.
3. Step 3: Draw a small table near the beds. What two items from the word bank would you find on this table?

4. Why was the lamp so important for Florence to carry when she visited the soldiers at night?

5. How does Ellie the elephant know that Florence Nightingale's work changed hospitals forever? (Think about cleanliness).