

International Nurses Day (12 May)



1. As pupils enter

Have the webpage open. Play your chosen music and display a focus image if you wish.

2. Introduction

Ask pupils to think about a time when they might have met or been treated by a nurse. You could show them a picture of a modern-day nurse in uniform. Remind them of the nurses who come in to school on particular occasions, as well as nurses in their local GP surgery and hospital. Perhaps take a few examples from pupils of times a nurse has looked after them. Show a picture of **Florence Nightingale** and ask pupils to name her. Explain that you're now going to watch a short video about Florence Nightingale and her importance.

3. Play the video

The duration is 3' 36". The final words are: 'See you later!'

4. After the video - Time to talk

Ask the children to spend a few moments thinking about Florence Nightingale and all the people she helped. You could go back over the key events in her life using the Video questions:

- Where was Florence Nightingale born? (Florence in Italy)
- Where did Florence train as a nurse? (Germany)
- What is the place where British soldiers were fighting? (Crimea)
- What did Florence do at the hospital during the war? (She cleaned it; set up a kitchen; made sure there was enough bandages and medicine; provided better food; made sure the patients were bathed)
- What name did Florence get? (The Lady with the Lamp)
- What did Florence do after the War? (Campaigns to make hospitals better; set up a training school for nurses)

Emphasise that Florence Nightingale created modern nursing. Without her we might not have the amazing nurses and hospitals we have today.

5. Opportunity to sing

An opportunity to sing your chosen song.

Play video



6. Opportunity to reflect

Ask the children to close their eyes and imagine Florence Nightingale working hard in the military hospital.

She must have found it very difficult but she didn't give up because she knew how important it was to help the soldiers, and she knew she was making a difference to those soldiers.

How can we make a difference in our lives? Who could we help?

7. Opportunity for prayer

*Dear God,
Thank you for all those people who care for us when we are sick.
Thank you for people who spend their lives caring for people in hospital.*

*Help us to find ways to help and care for other people, so that we can make a difference to others like Florence Nightingale did.
Amen.*