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History and Geography Knowledge Organiser

Our Wonderful World and its Incredible Inhabitants

This unit will allow Year 2 to research into the lives of three significant individuals and to understand the importance that their actions had on the life we lead today. Children will learn about three nurses who battled against the odds to change nursing practises today. They are Florence Nightingale, Mary Seacole and Edith Cavell. We shall learn about both the Crimean War and World War One, but also travel across the ocean to the Caribbean, which is where Mary Seacole was born, and discover it's traditions, cultures, music, food and weather.

Hospital Conditions at the Time:
- Male doctors only and there were not enough doctors to treat everyone
- Nurses were women who mainly spent their time cleaning and ere not encouraged to do more
- Dirty, blood on the floor, rats scurrying around
- Lots of diseases being spread through overcrowding
- Minimal amounts of food and it was not tasty
- Noisy, due to the severe pain the soldiers were in and a lack of painkillers
- Very few beds, most soldiers were on the floor

Key Dates

The Crimean War – 1853 – 1856 Britain, France and Turkey were fighting against Russia.

World War One – 1914 – 1918

Key Figures

Florence Nightingale – (12th May 1820 – 1910) Born in Florence, in Italy, although grew up in England. She was allowed to be educated. As a teenager, she felt she had a calling from God to become a nurse and help others. She went to the Crimean War and became known as the 'Lady of the Lamp'.

Mary Seacole (1805 – 1881) Born in Kingston, Jamaica. Her father was a Scottish soldier. Her mother Jamaican. She learnt how to nurse from her mother who was a doctress. Mary overcame racial prejudice when she travelled to Scutari and helped soldiers in the Crimean War.

The Caribbean

- Made up of 26 countries
- Over 7000 islands
- In the continent of North America
- Lots of sunshine and warm weather but has extreme weather – hurricanes
- Carnivals
- Sports – diving, cricket, Usain Bolt
- Music – Bob Marley, Rihanna
- Colourful art
- Tasty foods and fruits

Edith Cavell (4th December 1865 – 12th October 1915) Born in Swardeston, Norfolk. Edith was a nurse who helped soldiers in World War One. She was a controversial character because she would shelter soldiers from both sides and help them escape.