History Year 2 - Autumn

Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole



Learning enquiry question: **Why do some people have a monument?**

Key Facts	
Who was Mary Seacole?	Mary Seacole was a nurse. She was born in Jamaica in 1805. Her mother was Jamaican and her father was Scottish. She died in Britain in 1881.
What is Mary Seacole remembered for?	Mary Seacole wanted to join the nurses treating the soldiers injured in the Crimean War, but the British Government refused. So she paid for herself to go. She set up the 'British Hotel' hospital two miles from the fighting for soldiers to receive food, drink and treatment. She would also travel to the front line, taking supplies and treating soldiers from both sides.
Who was Florence Nightingale?	Florence Nightingale was a British nurse born 12th May 1820 in Florence, Italy. She was the daughter of an upper-class couple. She longed to be a nurse, but her father wouldn't allow it as it was not a job that a lady would have. Eventually, she became a nurse in 1853.
What is Florence Nightingale remembered for?	Florence Nightingale is remembered for changing the way hospitals were run. She treated soldiers during the Crimean War; here she became known as 'The Lady with the Lamp'.

Crimean War (1853–1856)

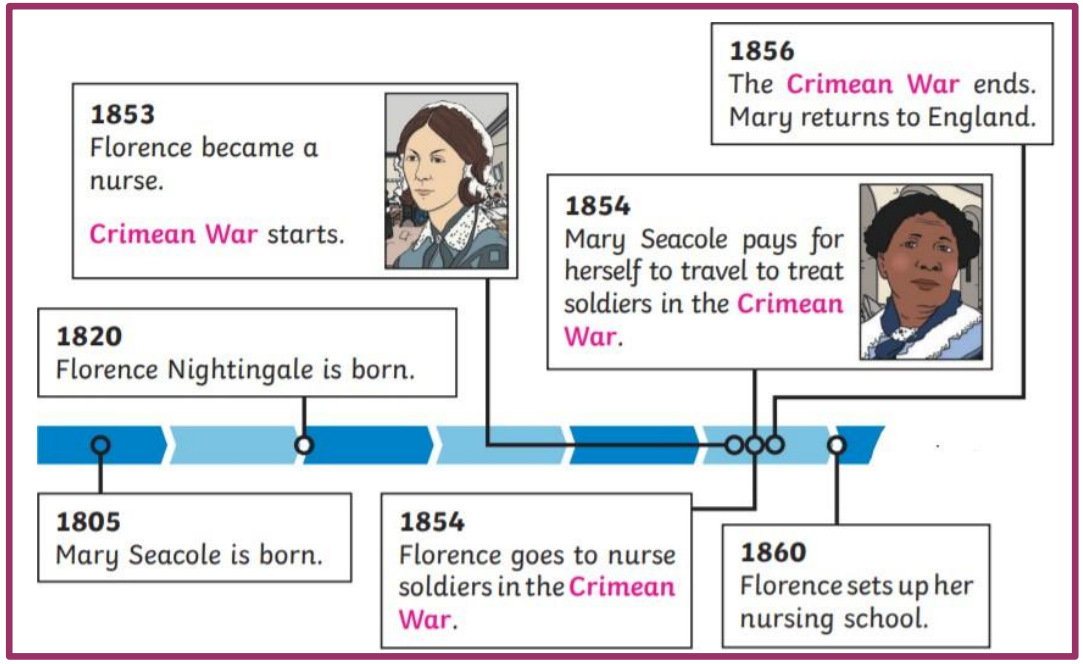
A war between Russia on one side and Britain, France and Turkey on the other side. There were many injured soldiers.



This is a statue of Florence Nightingale. It was sculpted in 1915.



This is a statue of Mary Seacole. It was sculpted in 2016, following a 12-year campaign to honour her.



Can you use these words and phrases?

before I was born, when I was younger, past, present, then, now, older, newer, finally, a very long time ago