

Happy Birthday Florence Nightingale!

Learning resource:

Local Singer and Composer Louise Jordan is our Artist of the week from the 11th May 2020, this coincides with the release of her new album 'Florence' on the 12th May which is also Florence Nightingales 200th Birthday.

Louise has helped us put together some activities to celebrate the anniversary and achievements of this amazing women.

To celebrate the 200th anniversary of the birth of Florence Nightingale, Louise has written a one-woman show exploring lesser known aspects of Florence's life. Through original song and storytelling, Louise considers Florence's work as a pioneering statistician, social reformer and political influencer.

More often described as the 'Lady with the Lamp', Florence Nightingale spent less than two years working in the Crimea, yet she lived to the age of ninety. Florence spent decades campaigning for social reform, advocating equal access to healthcare for all and becoming an expert in areas such as hospital design, irrigation in India and postal services for soldiers in order to advance her various causes.

This brand new show connects Florence's work in the 19th century with the issues we continue to face today.

Here are some suggested activities with resources for you to use in School or at home.

Music Learn a song from the show, '*Statistics Save Lives*'

Resources: Song sheet
 Glossary
 Audio tracks

If you would like to record your versions in School or at home we would love to hear them, please submit them to clare.threadgold@wiltshirecreative.co.uk

Creative Writing – Florence travelled extensively and was a keen diarist and letter writer, you can find many of these online (suggestions listed below).

Example activity:

- Research Florence’s life in different countries
- Read one of Florence’s diary entries or letters
- Write a letter or diary sharing her thoughts on a country she visited

Consider choice of vocabulary and sentence starters to bring your writing to life

Maths – Florence revolutionised the use of data and Statistics in social care, explore data collection and analysis.

Example activity:

- Set a Maths exercise or worksheet using online resources eg. whiterose maths or BBC bitesize
- Create a ‘collection’ at home eg. lego bricks, soft toys, pens. Note the differences in these items eg. size or colour
- Display your findings in a chart

STEM Ambassadors – there are many amazing STEM ambassadors, some famous and some less so. Friends, Neighbours and Teachers can all inspire us, research the unique qualities of these individuals.

- Think about people you know as well as people from history who work in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths and what you would like to know about them eg.
 - What did they do?
 - Where are they from?
 - How many are women?
- Create a chart, fact sheet or picture demonstrating what you found out.

Art – as a child Florence kept meticulous records of the things she found in the forests and on the beaches around her home

- Find an object from your home, garden or from a daily outing, record it by sketching and labelling the object
- Create some artwork in support of key workers including NHS staff

Resources: smARTies activity sheet

Suggested websites for reference and research:

<https://louisejordan.co.uk/>

<https://www.florence-nightingale.co.uk/letter-digitisation/>

<http://salisburyhealthcarehistory.uk/tag/florence-nightingale/>

<http://salisburyhealthcarehistory.uk/resources/>

<http://www.wshc.eu/>

<https://www.stem.org.uk/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

<https://whiterosemaths.com/>

Resources: (available on website)

Statistics Save Lives Songsheet

Statistics Save Lives Glossary

Statistics Save Lives Audio with Lyrics

Statistics Save Lives Audio without Lyrics

smARTies activity sheet

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