



Dastardly Diseases and Marvellous Medics



The Plague

1665 – 1666

The plague was spread by rats who carried bacteria and had fleas. They passed these onto people by biting them, humans then infected each other by coughing and sneezing.

There was no cure for the plague and it wiped out whole communities.

The last major **outbreak** in England was in London in 1665, just before the Great Fire of London.

Key Vocabulary

Disease

Medic

Plague

Communities

Cure



Who is Florence Nightingale?

Florence Nightingale was **born in 1820 and died in 1910**. She was known as '**the lady with the lamp**'.

She said becoming a nurse was a calling from God.

She worked in a hospital in London before going to Crimea in the 1850s after Britain joined the war in 1854.

Whilst treating the soldiers, she was shocked by the unsanitary conditions that allowed diseases to spread.

Florence used her training to **improve** the conditions for the soldiers.

She would check on the soldiers in the night using an oil lamp.

Florence made nursing a profession and that is her legacy.

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