
INVENTOR & MAKER OF THE WEEK

Mary Seacole

PIONEERING NURSE

Mary Seacole was born in Jamaica in 1805. Growing up, she learnt about herbal medicine from her mum. She also helped sailors and travellers who stayed at her family's hotel.

As she grew up, Mary continued to learn more medical skills. She traveled to England and worked as a nurse. She was such a caring healer that people called her 'Mother Seacole'.

In the 1850s she wanted to travel to help injured soldiers in the Crimean War. The government wouldn't send her because of her skin colour. However she decided to go there anyway.

She wasn't allowed to work in the hospitals either so she set up her own hospital called the "British Hotel". She made medicines and gave comfort to the sick and injured, often risking her life to help them. She was well known there for the kindness she showed to the soldiers, as well as saving many lives.

Mary Seacole was a true hero and shows us to be brave, kind and never give up on our dreams.

