

St Mary's Catholic Primary School and Nursery

23/24 Year 2 Spring Term 1 Topic Overview

How did the unsinkable Titanic sink?

English:

Pupils will complete units of work on:

- **Story on a theme:** Samson's Titanic Journey
- **Newspaper Report:** Based on History work

Within these units of work, pupils will develop their reading, grammar, phonics, spelling, handwriting and writing at greater length.



PE -

Gymnastics:

This half term pupils will focus on rolls, jumps, balances and travels to create a gymnastic sequence, developing further onto apparatus.



Design and Technology: taught by Mrs

Singleton **Mechanisms:** making a moving monster
Children will learn to identify the correct terms for levers, linkages and pivots. They will create functional linkages that produce the desired input and output motions. They will design their own monster and evaluate the work of themselves and others.



Computing: taught by Mrs Garrett

This term pupils will be learning more about Online Safety. They will learn how to refine searches using the Search tool, learn how to share work online safely on the Internet and Purple Mash.



Maths:

Pupils will explore:
Shape and Money



Come and See:

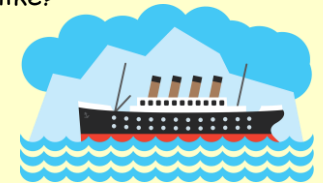
Children will study in first the topic: Local Church, Community - Books. In this unit, children will learn about the different books used at home and in school and they will explore the books used in Church on Sunday by the parish family. The second unit will be Eucharist, Relating - Thanksgiving. In this unit, pupils will explore different ways to say thank you and understand that The Eucharist is the way the parish family thanks God for Jesus.



History:

Children will focus on the Titanic as an Event Beyond Living Memory that is Significant Nationally and/or Globally. During this learning they will explore the following lines of enquiry questions:

1. What do we already know about the Titanic and what can we work out from a picture?
2. What was so special about the Titanic and what was life on board like?
3. Why and how did the 'unsinkable' Titanic sink?
4. How should we show the sinking of the Titanic?
5. Why weren't more people saved from the Titanic?
6. How do we stop a disaster like the Titanic happening again?



PSHE: taught by Mrs Singleton

The children will explore the question: What makes a good friend? - based on Relationships. Pupils will explore what makes a good friend, how to make friends with others, how to recognise when they feel lonely and what they could do about it and how people behave when others are being friendly.



Science: taught by Mrs Garrett

Children will investigate the use of materials for specific purposes and explore materials that are both natural and manmade.

Linked to the Titanic theme the children will investigate STEM concepts such as:

- What material would be best for a lifejacket?
- Investigating materials to use as a lifeboat.
- Why are some materials more flexible, rigid or stretchy than others?

