

## English

This half term we will be focussing on persuasive writing, letter writing and diary entries.



We will use a wide range of sources and stimuli surrounding the Titanic, looking at the features and the differences between all the classes. Our diary entry will be the point of view of a survivor of the Titanic and will describe the day they were saved by the Carpathia.

This half term in guided reading we will be reading Marv and the alien invasion written by Alex Falase- Kaya. We will be focussing on comprehension skills.

We will also build on our skills from last term and write another recount about our visit to Gosforth Nature reserve.

### Potential Visits within our Topic

- Gosforth Nature Reserve – local environment and habitats – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May

### Physical and Emotional Health

#### PSHE

We will be looking at how we can keep ourselves healthy focussing on dental hygiene. We will reinforce the importance of brushing our teeth and how we can look after them.

#### Physical Education

Hit and Run – learning skills for team games.  
Run! Jump! Throw! - Developing our body movements into athletic skills.

Many of our P.E lessons this term will be taking place outside so can you please ensure your child has an appropriate pair of outdoor shoes in their P.E bag.

## Mathematics

This half term the children will be focussing on fractions, looking at recognising equal and unequal parts and finding halves, quarters and thirds of shapes and amounts before exploring non unit fractions and finding three quarters.

We will then begin to look at telling the time. We will tell the time to 5 minute intervals to and past the hour and be able to recognise quarter to and quarter past the hour.



Can building a ship change the future?

**Hope** – Why is the Carpathia a symbol of hope?

**Achievement** – How have past achievements influenced our lives today?

**Legacy** – What legacy has shipbuilding left behind?

**Necessity** – Was shipbuilding necessary to the people of Newcastle?

## History

We will be looking at the significance of shipbuilding in Newcastle's history. Thinking about who, where, what and why? Who was building the ships? Where were they built and where were they going? What type of ships were being built? Why was the RMS Carpathia, a Tyne built ship, so famous?

## RE

In R.E this half term we will be learning about the Jewish festival of Purim, why it is important and how it is celebrated.

## Design and Technology

We will be making a truss bridge out of wood, looking at measuring accurately and cutting our wood. We will also be focussing on making strong joins by attaching different pieces of wood together.

## Music

Through the unit of work about mini-beasts the children will explore timbre and rhythm using percussion instruments and movement to represent the crawling and scurrying of creatures, ending in a class performance.

## Computing

In computing we will be working on our word processing skills using powerpoint. We will be looking at inserting images and text and how to change the size, colour and font. We will also look at adding animations to our slides.

## Science

We will be building on our habitats work from last half term looking at living, dead and never alive as well as food chains within specific habitats. We will then revisit plants, looking at seeds and bulbs comparing and contrasting them and observing them as they grow.