



Springwell Park Primary School – Geography



Topic: Did the Titanic Sail Down the River Mersey?

Phase: KS1

Focus: Knowledge and understanding of the world.

Key facts:

- Titanic was built by The White Star Line and was the world's largest passenger ship.
- In 1911, the Titanic was declared as the 'unsinkable ship'.
- The Titanic cost £3.5 million pound to construct.
- There were 9 floors of The Titanic, and it took the crew 14 days to walk around.
- The maiden voyage began on the 10th April, 1912.
- The ship was split into three classes - first, second and third. It was a legal requirement that third class cannot mix with first and second class.
- Titanic could have carried 64 lifeboats, but only carried the legal minimum amount of 20.
- 1506 people died on titanic.
- 64% of first class passengers survived, 42% of second class passengers survived, 24% of third class passengers survived and 24% of crew.

Titanic Timeline

April 10 th , 1912	The Titanic sets sail.
April 14 th , 1912. 11.40pm	The Titanic hits an iceberg
April 15 th , 1912. 12.30am	The lifeboats are lowered
April 15 th , 1912. 2.10am	The ship lights go out.
April 15 th , 1912. 2.17am	The Titanic breaks into two.
April 15 th , 1912. 2.19am	The bow begins to sink.
April 15 th , 1912. 2.24	The titanic reaches the bottom of the ocean.

Who is to blame?

Captain E.J Smith	He was the captain of the ship on its maiden voyage.
Harland and Wolff	The Titanic was built at their shipyard in Belfast.
Thomas Andrews	He was the architect who designed the Titanic
Stanley Lord	He was the captain of a ship called the Californian.
Bruce Ismay	He was in charge of the White Star Line.

Our Topic Vocabulary

Word	Definition	In context
Disaster	A sudden accident or a natural catastrophe that causes great loss of life.	"The Titanic is regarded as the biggest shipping disaster in modern history."
Shipwreck	When a ship deconstructs, either by sinking or breaking up.	"The number of shipwrecks at the bottom of the ocean are countless."
Voyage	A long journey, typically by sea or space travel.	"Titanic's maiden voyage was in 1912."
Capacity	The maximum amount that something can hold.	"The lifeboats were not full to capacity."
Survivors	A person who survives something that could have easily killed them.	"Survivors of the Titanic have given eye-witness accounts."
Collision	When a moving object crashes into something, causing a crash.	"It was the collision with the ice-berg that made the Titanic sink."
Navigate	When you plan and direct the course of a ship.	"The captain helped navigate the Titanic."
Influential	When something or someone has great influence over something else.	"The titanic was influential. It resulted in a lot of new, safe shipping laws."
Tragic	When an event has caused extreme distress.	"The sinking of the Titanic was absolutely tragic."
Infamous	When someone or something is well known for the wrong reasons.	"The sinking of the Titanic is an infamous event."
Chronological	Organising events in the order of when they happened.	"We will be sorting historical events into chronological order."

