

Year 2 – History – Summer Term

Timeline

31st March 1909	Construction of the Titanic begins in Belfast, Ireland. It takes over three years to build.	
10th April 1912 Noon	RMS Titanic sets sail from Southampton on its maiden voyage with 1324 passengers and 884 crew on board.	
14th April 1912 11.40pm	The lookout sees an iceberg dead ahead. The hull of the Titanic strikes the iceberg.	
15th April 1912 12.00am	Captain Smith gives the order to call for help and sends out a distress signal.	
15th April 1912 2.05 am	The lifeboats are lowered. 15 minutes later the Titanic sinks.	
15th April 1912 4.00am	The RMS Carpathia reaches the Titanic and picks up any survivors. There were 705 people in lifeboats and in the water.	
15th April 1912 8.50am	RMS Carpathia arrives in New York, USA. 1514 people died.	
Link to Year 1: 1902	The teddy bear was invented in honour of US president Theodore Roosevelt.	

Key People

Edward John Smith	the Captain of the Titanic and the person in charge
Thomas Andrews	the ship's designer
Frederik Fleet	the lookout who spotted the iceberg
King George V	the monarch at the time of the disaster



Historical Vocabulary

BC Before Christ

AD Anno Domini

Year 2:
same time as, before, after

Year 1:
past, present, around the time, years, earlier, sooner, long time ago

Key Vocabulary and Definition

unsinkable	unable to sink – will stay afloat no matter what
maiden voyage	the first journey of a ship.
iceberg	a large piece of ice that is floating by itself in the sea
passengers	people who travel on transport and are not the driver or part of the crew
lookout	a place where you can keep watch
collide	when something hits an object as it is moving
bow	front part of the ship
afloat	floating in the water
survivors	people who survive and are alive after an event where other people have died
wreckage	left over parts of something that has been badly damaged or destroyed
cabin	a private room on a ship
transatlantic	crossing the Atlantic Ocean
hull	main body of the ship
starboard	right-hand side of the ship

Why are we learning this?

So we know about this significant event in history, how it happened and why it happened..

Why is it important?

So we learn about why the Titanic sank and what it might have been like to have experienced it.