



# St Mark's CE Primary School

'Loving to Learn, Learning to Love'

## Year 2 Newsletter

### Spring 2

This half term we will extend our knowledge as historians. Our main question to explore is:

'Who was responsible for the Titanic sinking?'

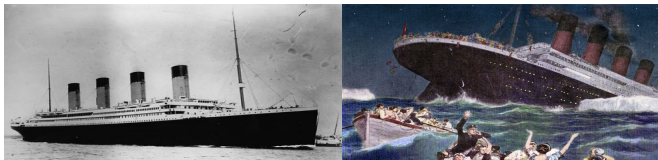
We will use our questioning skills to learn more about Captain Edward John Smith who was in charge of the Titanic when it sank. Did you know that Captain Smith was born in Hanley?

#### English

As skilled writers, we will develop our expertise in writing stories. During lessons we will be unpicking the class story 'The Voyage of the Titanic' and coming up with an alternative ending.

Other writing opportunities will include fact files and a postcard about the historical event.

Please encourage your child to do their own research at home about what their journey would have been like as a first/second/third class passenger.



#### Maths

This half term we will be developing our knowledge of shape, space and measure. Some ideas to do at home:

**Length:** Choose some objects and compare their lengths. Which one is the longest/shortest? Would you measure in centimetres or metres? Why?

**Mass** – Choose some objects and compare their weight. Which one is the heaviest/lightest? How many grams are there in a kilogram? Would you weigh an elephant in g or kg? Would you weigh a marshmallow in g or kg?

**Temperature** – Talk about whether things would be hot or cold. E.g. a cup of tea, snow, the ocean, an oven etc. Look at the weather forecast to see how warm/cool the temperature is each day.

**Shapes** – Can you name a range of 2D shapes? Which shapes can you see in your home/on your way to school? How could you describe these shapes?

#### Upcoming events...

19<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> February

TT Rockstars 'Battle of the Bands'

2A vs 2C



Mother's Day Stall – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March

Trip to Liverpool Maritime Museum – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March

#### Reading at home

We are noticing that a number of children are not reading at home each day.

It would be really beneficial for your child to read at home daily. Please try and read a couple of pages every day and sign their diary.

#### Questions to ask:

What do you think will happen next in the story?  
How do you think that character feels and why?  
Can you order the main events so far?

#### PE

Please make sure that your child comes to school wearing the correct PE kit and all jewellery items including earrings are removed. If you are unsure of what the correct PE kit is then please ask the class teacher.

2C (Mrs Colclough) – Wednesday

2A (Miss Akhtar) – Wednesday