Timeline of Key Events

1909- Construction begins in Belfast, Ireland

April 10ᵗʰ 1912 at 12 noon- RMS Titanic sets sail from Southampton.

April 14ᵗʰ 1912 at 11:40pm – The lookout sees an iceberg dead ahead.

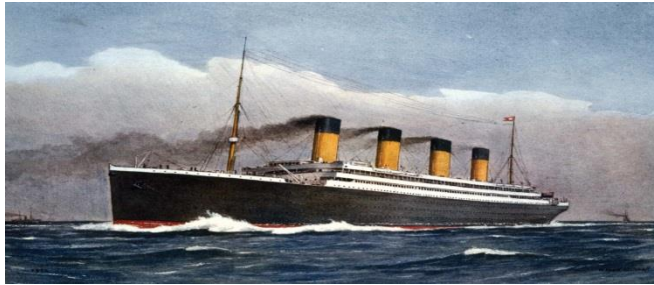**April 15ᵗʰ 1912- 12:00am –** Captain Smith gives the order to call for help.

April 15ᵗʰ 1912- 2:05am- The lifeboats are lowered.

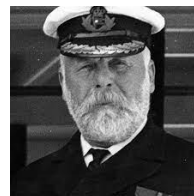**April 15ᵗʰ 1912- 8:50am-** RMS Carpathia arrives in New York, USA.

RMS Titanic

RMS Titanic was built by the White Star Line and was the world's largest passenger liner. It measured 882 feet (269m) long and weighed 52, 310 tons. In 1911 Titanic was declared as practically unsinkable and a marvel of British engineering. The maiden voyage began on the 10ᵗʰ April 1912 in Southampton. There were over 2000 passengers on board Titanic 600 of them being crew members. 1506 people died on board the Titanic.

Captain Edward Smith

Prior Learning

• Creating a timeline in chronological order.
• Comparing the past and present, and recognising similarities and differences.
• Using everyday language relating to time.

Vocabulary Dozen

Maiden voyage	The first journey a ship makes.
Transatlantic	Crossing the Atlantic ocean.
Passenger	A person who is travelling on the boat.
Captain	A person in charge of the voyage and vessel.
First Class	The most luxurious facilities for the richest on board.
Second Class	Not as luxurious as first class.
Third Class	Very basic facilities and the poorest passengers on board.
Iceberg	A large floating piece of ice from a glacier that floats in the sea.
Hull	The main body of the ship.
Lifeboat	A small boat to use in an emergency whilst at sea.
Survivor	A person who remains alive after an event in which others have died.
Wreck	An object or structure that has been reduced to a ruin.

Ideas to think about...

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- What was so special about life on the Titanic?

- How could the unsinkable Titanic sink?

- Why weren't more people saved from the Titanic?

- What are the best ways to stop a disaster like this from happening again?