



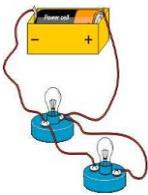
# Jessie Younghusband School

## Year 4 – Curriculum Letter – Spring Term

This curriculum letter provides a taster of things to come in the next term and some helpful information for you to assist your child in Year 4.

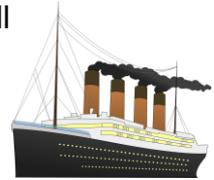
### Spring Term:

We are going to begin this term by learning about the famous ocean liner, RMS Titanic. We will not only learn about the circumstances surrounding the tragic sinking of this incredible ship, but also about the types of people who sailed in her, the furor of news headlines it caused all over the world and the effect it had on every corner of the globe. We will study the geography of the Arctic Circle and the hazardous conditions that this vast feat of engineering had to cope with after hitting the iceberg. It is also a super opportunity to produce some wonderful drawings and studies of sections of the ship during our 'Big Art' project.



This term our science focus is on electricity and the children will have a go building their own circuits.

In the later part of the term, we will have a special project focusing on the harbours around Chichester. This will be a good chance to explore our local area via maps, pictures and maybe even bus!



### General Reminders:

- Please check that all school uniform, PE kit, book bags, lunch boxes and water bottles are clearly marked with your child's name.
- Please ensure that your child's P.E. kit is in school every Monday. This term, the children will be taking R'n'B Dance by Rachael Boarer and will therefore require their indoor PE kit.
- Swimming will resume on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January. Please ensure that your children have their swimming costume, a towel and goggles. They will also need to take wet swimming things home at the end of each Thursday.
- Children will be set one formal piece of home learning on a Friday (to be in school the following **Wednesday**).
- Children will receive spelling lists to learn each week on a Monday and will be tested on a Friday.
- Children are expected to know all times tables up to 12 x 12 by the end of Year 4. They will be tested each week according to their ability.

### **Ideas for supporting your child's learning:**

- Visiting the local library;
- Useful books to read: non-fiction texts about The Titanic;
- Helping your child to become more confident with telling the time (on the 12- and 24-hour clock)
- Practising times tables with your child regularly.
- <http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/problem-solving> - This is a useful website with some fun interactive games and resources which have been categorised into different sections;
- <http://www.poetrybyheart.org.uk/poetry-for-children/> - This is a useful link for a variety of different poems and includes some useful ideas to help support your children's understanding of the poetry.
- <https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/clips/zc78q6f> - This is a useful website which gives a brief overview of the sinking of The Titanic.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all the support you have given your child over the last term with their reading and home learning tasks. Your time and effort is greatly appreciated and will enhance the children's learning experience hugely. I am really looking forward to getting to know the class better and working with them over the next six months.

Best wishes,

Mrs Cooke