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During this half term the children in Year 5 will be looking at the following areas:

Curriculum Area	Content to be taught in school	Possible Activities to be completed at home
English	This half term, we will be continuing to read our class text, 'Kaspar the Prince of Cats'. We will be doing all of our writing tasks based upon the novel. In grammar, we shall be focusing upon accurate use of fronted adverbials, expanded noun phrases, parenthesis and subordinate clauses - which your child will then use to enhance their writing. We shall also be using 'Kaspar the Prince of Cats', along with other isolated texts, to develop children's comprehension skills.	Please support your child by reading with them at home. You can discuss characters, events and context with them, as appropriate. As well as this, you can support your child with their English homework and spellings.
Maths	This half term, we shall continue to work on the children's written arithmetic skills and accurate recall of times tables and associated facts. We shall also be looking at area and perimeter, converting between different measures, fractions, decimals, 2D and 3D shapes and tables and bar charts.	Help your child to practise their times tables. At this point, they should know all of their times tables up to 12x12 confidently and be able to recall associated facts. As well as this, you can support your child, as appropriate, with their weekly maths homework. Any opportunity to practice their maths skills in real life situations such as shopping, baking or measuring is always helpful.
Science	This half term we will be looking at forces. We will learn about the effects of gravity, friction, air and water resistance, through a range of experiments, and build models to explore the ways in which pulleys, levers and gears work.	Help your child to recognise different forces around them, such as friction causing a car to stop or gravity causing an object to fall to the ground.
Computing	This half term, children will be deepening their understanding of programming and computational thinking. We will be using scratch to create a maze game and adding levels, characters and sounds.	Children can create their own scratch accounts where they can create their own games. Encourage them to practise their programming skills at home.

RE	This half term, the children will be continuing to find out about Hinduism and the festival of Diwali. We shall also be looking at the themes of Christmas and discussing religious and secular themes in the current day.	Talk to your child about how different religions have different religious festivals. Ask your child to explain to you what they know about Diwali. Compare and contrast this to other religious festivals.
History	This half term, we will be finding out about the Anglo Saxons. The children will be finding out about the Saxons as invaders and settlers. They will study the Anglo Saxon treasure found at Sutton Hoo and what it tells us about how they lived. They will also find out about daily Anglo Saxon life and their religious beliefs.	Encourage your child to research the Anglo Saxons at home and to bring additional information into school. They can also compare and contrast the Anglo Saxons with other periods of history that they have learnt about before.
PE	The children will be completing a gymnastics core task, where they will have to perform balances and create a routine in pairs, that they will eventually perform on apparatus.	Children can practise symmetrical and asymmetrical balances that they have learnt, making sure that they are safe when doing so.
Music	This half term, we will be listening to, performing and discussing jazz music.	Listen to jazz music with your child and discuss similarities and differences to other music genres.
DT	This half term, children will be designing their own Christmas biscuit. They will research what makes a biscuit successful (from taste to packaging) to help them to design and make their own biscuit.	You can bake different types of biscuits at home, asking children about flavours and designs, to match an intended purpose.
French	Quel Temps Fait-Il? (The Weather) Children will learn how to describe the weather in French with an emphasis on map work and oral presentation skills. We are hoping that by the end of the unit, children will create their own weather forecast in French and record it! Who knows – we may have the next Michael Fish or Michel Poisson in our class!	Encourage your child to practise the French they have learned.
PSHE/SRE	This term our topic is Health and Wellbeing. We will begin by refreshing our knowledge of the zones of	To support our learning, please ensure that you speak to your children about how to unlock your

	<p>regulation and how they can help us with our emotions and mental health in everyday life. The children will then move on to learning about basic first aid skills, including how to make a 999 call.</p>	<p>mobile phones and house phones in order to make an emergency call – things aren't as simple as they once were in this respect!</p>
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