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During this half term the children in Year 4 will be looking at the following areas:

Curriculum Area	Content to be taught in school	Possible Activities to be completed at home
English	This term we will look at examples of persuasive writing and identify features. Children will also write an alternative ending to a familiar story, understand what the subject of a sentence is and understand what a pronoun is and how they take the place of a noun.	Read, Read, Read! Please continue to hear your child read. It helps them develop ideas for their own writing as well as experiencing good sentence structure. As well as this, support your child, as appropriate, with their English homework.
Maths	Children will use the symbols $>$ , $<$ and $=$ and will develop addition and subtraction skills in a range of contexts. They will multiply and divide an integer up to 1,000 by 10 and 100, and will use formal methods for multiplying up to 3-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers. Children will develop their fraction and decimal knowledge in order to find equivalents and quantities of amounts. They must learn times table and division facts up to the 12 times tables.	Talk to children about the different methods of calculation. Take time to practise learning their times tables as this will help with a range of areas in maths and is an important target they need to achieve by the end of year 4. As well as this, support your child, as appropriate, with their maths homework.
Science	Children will find out about the properties of the three different states of matter; solid, liquid and gas. Children will investigate the process of evaporation and condensation. They will also learn about the water cycle.	Support the children with small homework tasks and completing an energy audit of your home together. Encourage children to spot the different processes of the changes of state they are going to learn about.
Computing	Children will understand how to be good digital citizens and what the term 'Cyberbullying' means. They will also write algorithms, making a sprite move in a game. They will learn how to import pictures and text boxes into Photostory.	Talk through the importance of using the Internet in a respectful way and how to be a good online citizen.
RE	Children will understand who wrote the Bible and the different parts it consists of. They will look at how the Bible is described as the word of God and how it has inspired people through the centuries.	Talk to your child about favourite Bible stories and if they were from the Old or New Testament.

Geography	Children will be able to locate different European countries on a map. They will learn about the country of Italy and how it compares and contrasts with the UK.	Discuss with children any experiences of trips to Europe and find out information about Italy.
French	This is a fun, story-telling unit based around the familiar story of Goldilocks & The Three Bears. Using this well-known story, we will teach the children how to develop their listening skills in French as well as using cognates to develop their understanding of the vocabulary presented in the story. They will also be encouraged to write their own versions of the story following a structured storyboard approach.	Practise retelling the story and revising key vocabulary.
PE	Children will work with a dance coach to develop skills in coordination, rhythm and synchronisation. Children will use gymnastics to learn about body control, balance and movements through individual, paired and group work.	The skills learnt in dance and gymnastics are best practised to perfect them. Give your child the opportunity to practise the skills they have been taught in school, or watch TV programmes with dance and gymnastics events.
Music	Children will learn how to play the glockenspiel and improve in understanding the elements of music.	Find examples of glockenspiel music for the children to listen to. Discuss different types of music and share opinions about why you like or dislike it.
Art	Children will learn about famous Italian artists. They will understand the influence of different artists' work on modern art and how to recreate different techniques these artists used.	Discuss with children a range of Italian art discussing if they like or dislike it, and give time to explain their opinions.
PSHCE	Children will learn about healthy relationships in society, starting with recognising and challenging stereotypes. They will then spend time looking at promises, commitment and marriage.	Talk to children about characters in books, TV programmes or films and discuss whether or not their relationships with other characters is healthy (friendships, family relationships, marriage/partnership).