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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 begin to read <i>The Railway Children</i> . We will be doing all of our writing tasks based upon the novel. This term, we shall be writing a diary entry, a newspaper article and re-writing a section of the novel. In grammar, we shall be looking in greater depth at prepositional phrases, using words as verbs and nouns and using devices to build cohesion within and across paragraphs. We shall also continue to work on all of our grammar knowledge in our writing tasks, our reading tasks and through our weekly grammar activities.	Please continue to read with your child and sign their reading record after hearing them. Discussion over the time period, in which <i>The Railway Children</i> is set, would also be a good way to support your child. Furthermore, you can support your child by encouraging them to find words, which follow our weekly spelling rule, and practise using them in sentences.
Maths	This half term, we shall continue to work on the children's written arithmetic skills, accurate recall of times tables and associated facts. We shall also be looking at problem solving, adding and subtracting fractions, multiplying fractions by a whole number, percentages, capacity and interpreting data shown on line graphs.	Continue to support your child to practise their times tables so that they can recall all of them quickly. As well as this, you can support your child, as appropriate, with their weekly maths homework. Any opportunity to practise their maths skills in real life situations is always helpful.
Science	We will be continuing our work on materials this half term. The children shall be finding out why some changes caused by heating or cooling form new materials and that these changes are often not reversible. They shall compare and group together everyday materials based on their properties as well as giving reasons, based on evidence from comparative and fair tests, for the particular uses of everyday materials.	Support your child by discussing the changes that occur as you cook and perform tasks around the home. Discuss the properties of everyday items and consider why a particular object may have been made from a certain material.

Computing	The children will be continuing to think about communication through technology and will also be extending their understanding of programming. They will be discussing the dangers and hazards of spam, creating a presentation in groups and debugging a programme that they have created on Lightbot.	Children can further the work done in class by discussing spam and its dangers at home. They can also extend their programming work by creating games on Scratch- which can be accessed online.
RE	The children will continue to find out about Christian beliefs about God and exploring the different metaphors that Christians use to find out more about God's nature. As well as this, they will look at the events that led up to the death and resurrection of Jesus and discuss the significance of these events.	You can support your child at home by discussing the topics that have been covered in class. Encourage your child to ask questions and share their opinions.
History	Year 5 will be finding out about the Vikings this half term. The class will find out about life in Britain before the Viking invasions, why the Vikings invaded, what it was like in Britain at that time and what daily life was like once the Vikings had settled.	Encourage your child to research any areas of Viking history, that they are interested in at home, to share in school. Ask them what they have found out and encourage them to discuss their knowledge of the Vikings.
PE	In P.E we will be performing a Dance at the Gala Theatre. We will therefore be spending time practising our dance and getting it ready for performance.	If needed, encourage your child to practise the dance at home- it is to Eye of the Tiger!
Music	This half-term, the children will continue to develop their skills listening to different types of music and playing the ukulele with lessons from Mrs Wearmouth. They will be learning new songs to perform.	Listen to a variety of music at home and discuss the instruments used, the beat and how the music makes your child feel.
DT	In DT, the children will begin to create their Viking God masks. In pairs, they will select and research a particular Viking God. They will then design a mask before making it out of Papier-mâché and mod roc.	Children can research their chosen God at home to enhance their mask design.
PSHE	This half term we will continue with our topic of Relationships. The children will continue to look at ways to resolve conflicts with their friends and how to respect other people's differing points of view or opinions. They will be looking at why friends are so important in our lives and what makes a good friend.	Encourage your child to talk about their feelings and the different ways to resolve conflicts.

French	This half term the children will learn how to describe themselves in terms of their physical appearance and describe their daily routine through the medium of a Viking family. They will be introduced to the vocabulary required to describe their height, their hair type, length and colour and their eye colour in French, using a fictitious Viking family as the model.	The BBC link below has some great games and activities linked to activities children have covered. https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z39d7ty
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