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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	<p>This term we will continue to work on using punctuation correctly in sentences and we will revise work on verbs and verb tenses.</p> <p>We will begin our class texts and read through a range of Greek myths. We will use this to deduce characters reasons for behaviour from actions, identify and use connectives in sentences and write a Greek myth.</p>	<p>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.</p>
Maths	<p>Children will consolidate their understanding of the relationship between addition/subtraction and use formal written methods. They will read and write whole numbers to figures and in words, understand and explain how to multiply and divide an integer by 10 and 100 and 1000. They will identify simple fractions of numbers and use the short multiplication method for TU x U.</p>	<p>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 that they need to achieve by the end of Year 4. As well as this, support your child, as appropriate, with their Maths homework.</p>
Science	<p>Children will identify common appliances, construct simple circuits and investigate conductors and insulators. They will make a simple series circuit that works, name the components in the circuit and draw a simple circuit diagram.</p>	<p>Discuss the potential dangers that result through using electrical appliances.</p>
Computing	<p>Children will learn how to safely search for information on the web and how they can trust the reliability of the sources. They will also write algorithms and debug if it is not working. They will learn how to use appropriate inputs and commands.</p>	<p>Talk though the importance of using the Internet in a secure and safe way.</p>

RE	Children will understand more about Christian places of worship and what you would expect to see the same in each church and what might be different. They will learn about different denominations and what is important to each one.	Talk to your child about different places of worship and what the similarities and differences are.
Geography	Children will have knowledge of the location of countries and capital cities in Europe. They will research about mountains and rivers and be able to locate these features on a map of Europe. We will look at the different climate zones of Europe.	Discuss with your child the different countries in Europe and in particular what they are like e.g. mountainous, near the coast, lakes or rivers. Perhaps you have links to or experiences of an area in Europe. You could discuss the weather they have encountered.
French	This is a very practical unit as we learn the names of classroom equipment such as un crayon (a pencil) and une gomme (a rubber). We will use et (and) as well as mais (but) to 'I have...' and 'I do not have...'. The unit is presented in colourful and engaging PowerPoints and activities. This is an essential unit for classroom French!	Practise French using BBC Bitesize, or you could practise the vocabulary at home. These are our key words. un livre (a reading book), un cahier (an exercise book), un crayon (a pencil), un stylo (a pen), un taille-crayon (a sharpener), un sac à dos (a rucksack), une calculatrice (a calculator), un bâton de colle (a glue stick), une règle (a ruler), une gomme (a rubber), une trousse (a pencil case), des ciseaux (a pair of scissors).
PE	Children will develop skills in striking and fielding through ARC Rounders. They will learn about catching and striking techniques, and have the opportunity to explore tactics and work in teams.	The skills learnt in games are best practised to perfect them. Give your child the opportunity to practise the skills they have been taught in school.
Music	Children will learn how to play the Ukulele and how to perform with others using the Ukulele.	Find examples of Ukulele music for your child to listen to.
Art	Children will study Greek architecture with a specific focus on column styles, and will have the opportunity to design and make sculptures using clay.	Discuss with children how things are designed; designed for purpose, or to look good. What do you like or dislike, and why? Also look out for different styles of buildings and discuss their features.

PSHCE	Children will learn about different aspects of their health and wellbeing by discussing how to identify and manage their feelings and build resilience. Children will also learn about road safety.	Talk to your child about their day and help them to understand their feelings and perspectives. Encourage your child to be resilient and to keep trying even when they find things difficult. Model and practise road safety with your child.
Proposed Educational Visit	Children will visit two Christian places of worship.	