



## Shincliffe CE Primary School Home / School Links

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 by retrieving information from non-fiction texts about the Titanic. Using this information, the children will write a persuasive argument. We will then begin to read a graphic novel- The Arrival by Shaun Tan. Children will complete pieces of writing based on the novel. Children will continue to work on their comprehension and grammar skills. We shall be focusing upon clarifying sentences using commas, punctuating direct speech, relative clauses and modal verbs - all of which your child will be expected to use to enhance their own writing.	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 negative numbers, squared and cubed numbers, word problems, mixed numbers and improper fractions, and finding and measuring angles.	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 finding out about the properties of different materials. We shall be investigating solubility, transparency, conductivity (electrical and thermal) and their response to magnets.	Encourage your child to discuss with you what they have learnt in school and to point out any real life examples of materials being used due to their properties.

Computing	This half term, children will be deepening their understanding of programming using rapid router.	Children can continue their work on Scratch to help them to develop their programming skills. They can create their own scratch accounts online.
RE	This half term, the children will be thinking about Christian beliefs about God and exploring the different metaphors that Christians use to find out more about God's nature.	Talk to your child about what they have learnt during R.E lessons and how the Christian values apply to their every day lives.
PE	This term in PE we will be completing dance tasks. The children will be responding to music, creating moves and working in groups to learn and perform dance routines.	Encourage your child to practise and perform their dance at home.
Geography	This half term, we will be finding out rivers. The children will find out how rivers are formed, investigate why rivers are important and what they are used for, discuss river pollution and its effects, as well as choosing a river around the world to investigate in depth.	Encourage your child to research rivers at home and to investigate rivers found in different climates. What are their similarities and differences?
Art	This half term, children will be investigating art around the world. We will be looking at different art types including Aboriginal art, Chinese willow patterns and Mehndi patterns.	Encourage your child to find out about other cultures artistic traditions.
French	What is the date? This half term the children will be looking at days of the week, months of the year and numbers 1-31. They will learn how to say when their birthdays are – the number, the date and the month of the year all in French. They will also revise how to ask and answer the questions ça va? comment tu t-appelles?	The BBC link below has some great games and activities linked to activities children have covered. <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z39d7ty">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z39d7ty</a>
Music	This term, the children will be developing their skills playing the ukulele with lessons from Mrs Wearmouth. They will be learning new songs to perform at the end of the term.	Talk to your child about the musical skills they have been learning. Listen to a range of music types including different instruments.

PSHE/SRE	This term our topic is Relationships. The children will be thinking about their communication, speaking and listening skills to begin the term by working on their debating skills. They will be looking at ways to resolve conflicts with their friends and how to respect other people's differing points of view or opinions.	Encourage your child to talk about their feelings and the different ways to resolve conflicts.
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