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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 term we will continue to develop a sound knowledge of grammar, specifically parts of speech, fronted adverbials and auxiliary verbs, and punctuation. We shall practise applying this in our writing. We will begin by looking at The Magic Box- a poem by Kit Wright. Children will write their own version of the poem using alliteration, onomatopoeia and personification. After that, we will read our class novel for the term, 'Kasper The Prince of Cats' by Michael Morpurgo. We will begin by writing character descriptions, a diary entry and then an informal letter based on the story.	Read, Read, Read! Please continue to hear your child read several times each week, depending on how confident they are to read independently. It helps them to develop ideas for their own writing as well as experiencing good sentence structure and a range of punctuation. Additionally, please support your child, as appropriate, with their English homework and spellings.
Maths	This term we shall continue to work on the children's written arithmetic skills and they will have a weekly arithmetic test. We shall work on their times tables each week so that they can confidently recall them. As well as continuing to work on addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, we shall also be looking at place value, factors, primes, and converting between different measures. Every week, we will apply our mathematical knowledge to a range of different tasks and real-life situations. We will also complete problem-solving tasks to help to deepen their understanding.	Help your child to practise their times tables. At this point they should know all of their times tables up to 12x12 confidently. As well as this, you can support your child as appropriate with their weekly maths homework. Any opportunity to work with different types of measures at home (such as weighing when cooking or baking) would be invaluable and help them to cement their understanding.
Science	This half term, we will be finding out about space. Children will research the Earth, Sun and Moon, finding out facts like how big each one is, how far away from each other they are and how their relationship to each other creates night, day and different time zones.	Encourage your child to research space at home and to question things that they have always accepted- such as shooting stars. It is a fascinating topic and children are often keen to discover as much as they can.
Computing	Systems and searching – children will develop their understanding of computer systems and how information is transferred between systems and devices. They consider small-scale systems as well as large-scale systems. They explain the input, output, and process	Talk to your child about safe searching and staying safe on line.

	aspects of a variety of different real-world systems. Year 5 will discover how information is found on the World Wide Web, through learning how search engines work (including how they select and rank results) and what influences searching, and through comparing different search engines.	
RE	This half term the children will be learning about what Hindus believe about God. They will be finding out how Hindus worship in the home and at the Mandir (Hindu Temple). This will include a visit to the Iskcon temple in Newcastle.	Talk to your child about how everyone is different from each other – no one is the same! Talk about how religion is just one way in which people can be different and that it is important to respect different people's views and opinions.
Geography	This half term we will be finding out about our Extreme Earth. We will find out about extreme weather conditions around the world including volcanoes, earthquakes and tsunamis.	Have a look at news articles together with your child that are discussing any extreme forms of weather or climates. Discuss the impact that these forms of weather have on the land and on people.
PE	The children will be learning a game called fives and threes that is based upon netball. They will be looking at the different types of passes and how to effectively defend, attacks and work as a team.	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	This half term we will be completing a unit of work based upon 'Don't Stop Believin' by Journey. The children will learn to perform the song with accompaniment and compare it to other music also produced in the 80s.	Listen to a range of music at home and discuss what they notice about the piece of music.
Art	Through the work of Norman Cornish, children will know how art reflects our regional history. They will evaluate and analyse his work and develop drawing and painting techniques inspired by his particular style.	Ask your child to show you a piece of art work by Norman Cornish and discuss what they notice about it and whether they like it or not.
PSHE/SRE	This term our topic is Health and Wellbeing. We will begin by refreshing our knowledge of the Zones of 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.	To support our learning, please ensure that you speak to your children about how to unlock your mobile phones and house phones in order to make an emergency call – things aren't as simple as they once were in this respect!
French	Les planets (the planets). Children will improve their vocabulary by learning the names of the planets in French: use more complex sentence structures. They will improve their listening and reading skills	The children might enjoy finding out about the planets, they could use the child friendly search engine Kiddle to find interesting articles and pictures about the planets, then compile a scrapbook of

	by listening to and reading more complex language. We will also be continuing our work with our partner school in France – Fort Mahon.	interesting facts. Alternatively, use www.duolingo.co.uk which is an on-line language course.
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