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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 be continuing to read our class novel, 'Kaspar the Prince of Cats'. Our writing tasks will be based upon the novel and links to the Titanic and we will be producing a non-chronological report, a letter of complaint and a balanced argument. In grammar, we shall be focusing upon accurate use of fronted adverbials, expanded noun phrases, parenthesis and subordinate clauses - which your child will then use to enhance their writing. We shall also be using 'Kaspar the Prince of Cats', along with other isolated texts, to develop children's comprehension skills. Finally, we will be looking at 'Coming Home' – a Christmas text and film by Michael Morpurgo.	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 area and perimeter, converting between different measures, fractions, decimals, 2D and 3D shapes and tables and bar charts.	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 looking at forces. We will learn about the effects of gravity, friction, air and water resistance, through a range of experiments, and build models to explore the ways in which pulleys, levers and gears work.	Help your child to recognise different forces around them, such as friction causing a car to stop or gravity causing an object to fall to the ground.

Computing	Information Technology - Game Creator on Purple Mash. Children will be learning how to plan and design a game and to create a game environment. They will create a game quest and finish and share their game.	Explore Purple Mash and the game creator and explore some of the games on there.
RE	This half term, the children will be continuing to find out about Hinduism and the festival of Diwali. We shall also be looking at the themes of Christmas and discussing religious and secular themes in the current day.	Talk to your child about how different religions have different religious festivals. Ask your child to explain to you what they know about Diwali. Compare and contrast this to other religious festivals.
History	This half term, we will be finding out about the Anglo Saxons. The children will be finding out about the Saxons as invaders and settlers. They will study the Anglo Saxon treasure found at Sutton Hoo and what it tells us about how they lived. They will also find out about daily Anglo Saxon life and their religious beliefs.	Encourage your child to research the Anglo Saxons at home and to bring additional information into school. They can also compare and contrast the Anglo Saxons with other periods of history that they have learnt about before.
PE	This half term, we will be completing a dance unit of work based on the music of 'The Eye of the Tiger'. Each group will have the opportunity to create and perform their own dance work.	Listen and appraise the music and think about actions that suit each part of the beat.
Music	This half term, we will be listening to, performing and discussing jazz music.	Listen to jazz music with your child and discuss similarities and differences to other music genres.
DT	This half term, children will be designing their own Christmas biscuit. They will research what makes a biscuit successful (from taste to packaging) to help them to design and make their own biscuit.	You can bake different types of biscuits at home, asking children about flavours and designs, to match an intended purpose.
French	Quel Temps Fait-Il? (The Weather) Children will learn how to describe the weather in French with an emphasis on map work and oral presentation skills. We are hoping that by the end of the unit, children will	Encourage your child to practise the French they have learned.

	create their own weather forecast in French and record it! Who knows – we may have the next Michael Fish or Michel Poisson in our class!	
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!