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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	This term we will look at a non-fiction class text called 'Shackleton's Journey' to develop a newspaper report. They will learn skills in organising paragraphs around a theme in writing and exploring different sentence types, as well as reporting speech and using apostrophes for omission and possession.	Read, Read, Read! Please continue to hear your child read and record it in their reading journal three times a week. It helps them to develop ideas for their own writing as well as experiencing good sentence structure- the best readers become the best writers. As well as this, support your child, as appropriate, with their English homework.
Maths	Children will revise adding and subtracting fractions and finding fractions of amounts. They will learn to convert between different units of measure and will explore negative numbers. They will also revise properties of 2D shapes, angles and coordinates. Children will continue to learn times table and division facts up to the 12 times tables and square numbers up to 20.	Take time to practise learning their times tables as this will help with a range of areas in Maths and is an important target they need to achieve by the end of Year 4. As well as this, support your child, as appropriate, with their Maths homework.
Science	Children will also look at animals including humans and will learn about organs, the digestive system, caring for teeth, and food chains.	Encourage children to spot different habitats and talk about real life examples of the different aspects of Science and talk about how to take care of their teeth.
Computing	Children will learn about managing online information in a safe way. They will also learn about how to use technology to write for different audiences and how to create codes for different purposes.	Talk about the importance of using the Internet safely and allow time to practise their computing and typing skills.
RE	Children will ask and respond to questions about the Christian faith. They will learn about the Northern Saints, Durham Cathedral and Holy Island as part of pilgrimages.	Talk to your child about special journeys you make and what you do to prepare to go on them. Consider visiting Holy Island or Durham Cathedral together.

History	Children will find out about the rule of the Ancient Romans in Britain and the impact this had on the North East. They will understand the purpose of Hadrian's Wall and what was involved in building and maintaining it.	Perhaps you could discuss with children any experiences of trips to Ancient Roman sites. Alternatively, the children could use the child friendly search engine Kiddle to find interesting articles and pictures about the Romans in Britain, then compile a scrapbook of interesting facts.
MFL	This half term, the children will have the chance to revise the topic they've studied this year and develop confidence in remembering key vocabulary and conversational phrases in readiness for Year 5.	Use BBC Bitesize to practise and revise French they have already learned at home. Alternatively, use www.duolingo.co.uk which is an on-line language course or watch Asterix or Tintin films in French, making sure that they are safe to watch.
PE	Children will revise orienteering skills and complete tasks in teams. They will also develop skills in throwing and tactics through playing Rounders and similar games.	The skills learnt in PE are best practised to perfect them. Give your child the opportunity to practise the skills they have been taught in school by reading maps and playing team games.
Music	Children will continue to develop individual and group singing and glockenspiel skills centred around the songs Mamma Mia and Lean On Me.	Find examples of music where the glockenspiel has been used for the children to listen to.
DT/Art	Children will learn about Ancient Roman purses. They will look at different examples and attempt to create their own purse. Children will also learn about Roman pottery and create pots in a set style.	Discuss with children a range of purses/wallets discussing if they like or dislike it, and why? Look at examples of vases or other containers and think about what they are used for.
PSHCE	Children will continue to learn about handling money and will explore how we can support and embrace our differences within our community through reading stories.	Ask children what they have learnt about money and how they would like to spend their money in the future.