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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 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 finding 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 swimming on Monday afternoons and then we have a coach in school on Thursday to go through cricket skills.	Encourage your child to discuss the new skills learnt in cricket – bowling and catching techniques.
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 deign 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 create their own weather forecast in French and record it!	Encourage your child to practise the French they have learned.

PSHE/SRE	This term, the children will be looking at friendships, stereotypes and bullying. This unit explores respectful relationships and what to do about bullying. Children will learn how to recognise and challenge stereotypes, prejudice or extreme views.	Ask your child what we have covered each week and further discuss the terms stereotype, prejudice and what makes a good friend and how to deal with things when friendships may not always go they way we planned.