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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 continue looking at <i>The Wreck of the Zanzibar</i> by Michael Morpurgo. We will be doing all of our writing tasks based upon the novel. In grammar, 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. We shall also be using <i>The Wreck of the Zanzibar</i> , along with other isolated texts, to develop children's comprehension skills.	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. The Year 5 homepage on db primary has a glossary of grammar terms to help you to support your child.
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, reflections and translations and measures.	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	Talk to your child about what they have learnt during R.E lessons and how the Christian values apply to

	metaphors that Christians use to find out more about God's nature.	their every day lives.
Geography	This half term, we will be finding out rivers. The children will study the water cycle, 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?
PE	The children will be completing a gymnastics core task, where they will have to perform balances and create a routine in pairs, that they will eventually perform on apparatus.	Children can practise symmetrical and asymmetrical balances that they have learnt, making sure that they are safe when doing so.
Music	This half term, we will be completing a unit of work looking at a rap song about bullying. They will be encouraged to compose their own verses and accompaniments.	Listen to a wide variety of music at home and discuss what your child enjoys and why, as well as the emotions that a piece of music evokes.
Art	This half term, children will be investigating art around the world. We will be looking at Aboriginal art, Chinese willow patterns and mehndi.	Encourage your child to find out about other cultures artistic traditions.