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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 to read <i>The Railway Children</i> . We will be doing all of our writing tasks based upon the novel. We shall be writing a diary entry and a newspaper report. In grammar, we shall be looking in greater depth at using devices to build cohesion within and across paragraphs, boundaries between clauses and ensuring that our punctuation is consistently accurate. We shall also continue to work on all of our grammar knowledge in our writing tasks, our reading tasks and through our weekly grammar tests.	Each week your child will be completing homework based upon practising grammar and punctuation. Please encourage them to complete this to a high standard. Furthermore, you can support your child by encouraging them to find words, which follow our weekly spelling rule, and practise using them in sentences.
Maths	This half term, we shall continue to work on the children's written arithmetic skills, accurate recall of times tables and associated facts. We shall also be looking at problem solving, negative numbers, Roman numerals, angles, times, measures and scaling using fractions.	Continue to support your child to practise their times tables so that they can recall all of them quickly. 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 is always helpful.
Science	We will be finding out about changes and reproduction this half term. We will look at: the stages of growth and development in humans; the stages in the gestation period of humans; the stages of development during childhood; the initial changes, inside and outside the body, during puberty; the changes that occur during puberty and how they differ for boys and girls and how the body changes during adulthood and old age.	Support your child by discussing the changes that occur during the different stages of a human's life. Discussion around puberty and reproduction will also support work done at school.

Computing	This half term the children will be looking at advertising and how technology is used to influence people. They will also work on excel and learn: how to identify and use the key elements of a spreadsheet; to enter and change data in a spreadsheet and to use the SUM function to evaluate data.	You can support your child at home by discussing the advertising that you come across and how it is specifically trying to influence you. You can also discuss how spreadsheets are used in different jobs and areas of life.
RE	The children will continue their work from the Autumn term on Hindusim. We shall be looking at the ways in which Hindus worship at home and at the mandir. This will also involve a trip to a mandir. Children will also begin looking at their final R.E topic for this year- considering why people with religious faith should care about the environment. We shall begin by looking at the ten commandments and aspects of the Christian faith.	You can support your child at home by discussing the topics that have been covered in class. Encourage your child to ask questions and share their opinions.
Geography	Year 5 will be going on a field-trip to Durham high-street to find out whether the high street should be closed to traffic. They will collect and record evidence about local traffic issues. They will then analyse their data back in school and suggest improvements.	You can support your child by discussing this issue, your personal experiences and the pros and cons with them.
PE	In P.E Year 5 will be completing a core task called Runners, which is based upon cricket. They will focus on using the correct batting stance and techniques, moving to intercept a ball, selecting appropriate fielding positions and working on their bowling technique.	You can support your child by encouraging them to practise the skills that they have learnt at school and to continue to develop their own skills.
Music	This half-term, Year 5 will continue to learn the ukulele. We will be having weekly lessons with Mrs Diment on a Tuesday afternoon.	You can listen to different songs performed on the ukulele and discuss the notes and chords that have been learnt each week.
DT	In DT, Year 5 will continue to work on their Viking God masks. They will complete the papier mache layer of the mask, before using mod roc. They will then paint and complete their mask.	Children can research their chosen God at home to enhance their mask design.