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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 begin to look at our first class text this year- The Wreck of the Zanzibar by Michael Morpurgo. We will be doing all of our writing tasks based upon the novel. In grammar, we shall be focusing upon accurate use of fronted adverbials, expanded noun phrases, parenthesis and subordinate clauses- which your child will then be expected to use to enhance their writing. We shall also be using The Wreck of the Zanzibar, 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 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 finding out about space. Children will research the Earth, Sun and Moon, finding out facts like how big each one is, how far away from each other they are and how their relationship to each other creates night, day and different time zones.	Encourage your child to research space at home and to question things that they have always accepted- such as shooting stars. It is a fascinating topic and children are often keen to discover as much as they can.
Computing	This half term, children will be deepening their understanding of programming and computational thinking. We will be using scratch to create a maze game and adding levels, characters and sounds.	Children can create their own scratch accounts where they can create their own games. Encourage them to practise their programming skills at home.

RE	This half term, the children will be continuing to find out about Hinduism and Divali. We will be looking at how Hindus prepare for, and celebrate, Divali. 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 Divali. 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	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 called Journey into space. Children will look at clusters of notes and compose their own pieces of music to tell a story.	Listen to pieces of music that are linked to space, such as Jupiter, and discuss what they notice about the piece of music. Encourage them, to use musical vocabulary to describe the piece of music.
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.