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Below is a brief outline of what your child will be learning in Year 5 this half term. We hope you will take the opportunity to read and discuss it with your child.

Subject	
Literacy	This half-term in Literacy, we will be using the book 'Beowulf' as our text. We will be working on relative clauses, creating atmosphere in narrative and using commas accurately. In reading, we are distinguishing fact and opinion, learning to summarise information and studying authors' choices of language.
Numeracy	This half-term, children will be focusing on fractions. They will start off by ordering fractions, finding equivalents and then adding and subtracting fractions with different denominators.
Science	We will be learning all about forces including friction, air resistance and water resistance. The children will carry out a number of practical experiments applying what they have learnt.
Topic – History	The children will be learning about the Anglo Saxons which will include how Anglo Saxons lived in Britain, understanding the reason for key events and how this has impacted on life today.
ICT	Following our unit on e-safety, children will now develop their coding skills using Purple Mash. They will be programming a range of variables and objects by giving a sequence of instructions.
RE	This half-term, children will be looking at the symbolism behind the concept of flight relating this to their own lives and other religions.
PE	Outdoor: children will be learning the basic concepts of hockey and applying these to a variety of drills. Sending, receiving, movement, rules, tactics and formations will all be covered. This will then lead into the children playing hockey at a competitive level. Indoor: children will have the opportunity to experience 'street dance' and learn new dance techniques from a specialist dance teacher. They will learn a bank of key street dance skills and then apply these to routines.
Music	In Year 5, we are participating in the BBC 10 Pieces project which aims to engage children with classical music. We will be listening to and analysing the pieces, singing and playing arrangements of some of them and creating our own compositions using musical ideas and structures as a stimulus.
Art / DT	In DT, children will be studying Anglo-Saxon embroidery styles and creating their own design using this to produce a sewing sample.
MFL (French)	After focusing on listening skills last half-term, the children will work on speaking this half-term through the story of Little Red Riding Hood. They will work on sounds and spellings, and will recognise the importance of gender in French. They will learn some adjectives and revise how to make feminine agreements. We will finish with group performances of this fairy tale, which will no doubt be very exciting! If the children wish to practise their French further with some fun and games, please visit the Lingotot website at www.lingototschools.com (username: hollybrook, password: hollybrook1), where they will find many language games to help them learn and remember their vocabulary.