Happy New Year and welcome to Term 3!

This newsletter will give you a flavour of what we will be learning this term. Our weekly learning log on Wakelet will keep you up to date on our progress.

**P5 Class News**

**Term 3**

January 2024

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**Energy**

**Literacy:**

This term’s literacy will include a range of writing activities based on “Butterfly Lion” by Michael Morpurgo and “Diary of a Killer Cat” by Anne Fine.

We will be creating fictional texts based on the characters, settings and plots in these books, with a focus on using direct speech, paragraphing and adding commas. We will also be writing arguments, persuasive posters, explanations and information texts based on our topic and research.

There will also be weekly spelling lists and homework, which will be included in the class learning log. Through class reading activities, we will be continuing to expand fluency and comprehension skills, especially inference and deduction.

Our wide-ranging topic will focus on different types and sources of renewable and non-renewable energy and how it can be transferred. We will find out about how energy is generated (with a focus on energy jobs in Aberdeenshire) and find ways of generating our own…

We will also find out more about energy sustainability and new energy technologies around the world and how this is changing our everyday lives. This topic will link to our ongoing Goblin Go-Kart project as we consider different ways of powering it.

Based the children’s ideas and thoughts, we will be answering questions such as:

* How important is the energy industry to Aberdeenshire?
* What is the history of North Sea oil/gas?
* Why build wind farms here? How do they generate electricity?
* What are the pros and cons of renewable and non-renewable energy?
* What are the best ways of saving energy?

We will be taking part in a variety of STEM-related practical activities, science investigations, debates and presentations and our topic will form part of our class assembly in March.

**Health and Wellbeing:**

We will be focusing on rights and respect, responsibilities in different areas of our lives along how we deal with bullying issues and potential anti-social behaviours.

This term, PE lessons will take place this term on **Mondays and Thursdays** with myself or Mrs Ross. We will be taking part in rugby activities, gymnastics and athletics.

**Please ensure that appropriate PE kit (including footwear) is in school on these days.**

**Mathematics and Numeracy:**

As part of our Maths No Problem scheme, we will be focusing on areas that include understanding types of fractions and adding and subtracting them. We will also be learning how to use the 24-hour clock, converting units of time and understanding decimals. We will be applying this knowledge to word problems and reasoning activities and will be continuing our 5-minute tables challenge to help our recall of multiplication tables facts up to 12.

**Homework:**

Homework activities will be set on Fridays for return on the following Friday. The details of weekly homework can always be found on the weekly learning log, including the current and next spelling lists. Home reading activities will take place through Reading Eggspress and will also be set weekly.

Please see [www.readingeggspress.com](http://www.readingeggspress.com) for more information and to log in.

If you have any homework issues or concerns, please contact me.

Please keep up to date with Primary 5’s latest learning adventures through our weekly Wakelet.

If you have any queries or concerns, please contact me at robert.walker@aberdeenshire.gov.uk