Reading Books.

Reading Books will be changed on Mondays and Thursdays. It is important that your child brings their reading book and diary to school every day in order to read 1 to 1 with an adult. The record must be signed by an adult for the book to be changed. All children are also receiving Guided Reading sessions once a week within class. You can also log on to www.bugclub.co.uk to read additional books.

PE

Ibn Malik – Thursday AM
Ibn Ali –Thursday PM
Ibn Saad – Tuesday PM

It is important that your child is not wearing any jewellery in school and that an appropriate and named PE kit is in school at all times.

Upcoming Dates to Note

Wednesday 21st February 2018 – Trip to the Lowry Theatre to watch George's Marvellous Medicine

Year 3 Newsletter

Spring term 2: 2018

The children will be learning about the following:

- **English** – concluding our unit on dialogues and playscripts, year 3 will be going to watch 'George's Marvellous Medicine' live in action. As part of our next unit 'Stories from familiar settings', we will move on to studying another Roald Dahl classic '*The Twits.*'

- **Maths** – This term in Maths we are concentrating on measurement. Year 3 will be learning how to add and subtract two amounts of money and will be challenged with money word problems. It is important that your child revises his/her number bonds to help with mental money calculations.

- **Science** - Our Science unit for this half term is 'The Cycle of Life'. Children will be learning about a plant's life cycle, an amphibian's life cycle, the cycle of the seasons and the water cycle.

- **Geography**- This term we will be learning all about settlements and population. We will researching and investigating this topic area in order to answer frequently asked questions such as: What is a rural and urban settlement? Is Blackburn a densely populated or sparsely populated town?

- **RE** – Year 3 will be learning about leaders in different religions with an emphasis on their qualities in order to draw comparisons between them.

- **Design Technology** - In DT, we have started the 'Packaging' unit by initially researching and reviewing different types of packaging. We will be designing and making our own durable, water-proof packaging for a healthy snack.

- **Guided Reading** - Your child will be receiving four sessions of guided reading per week as well as one reading comprehension lesson. A session lasts approximately 30 minutes. Guided reading involves decoding and discussing at least 3 texts a week as a group - making predictions, spotting punctuation, making inferences and describing how a text makes us feel and why.

What you can do at home:

- Read with your child every day. This will increase their fluency and will assist them in their comprehension.
- Sit with your child to complete their homework, encouraging them to use ambitious vocabulary in their writing.
- Assist your child in learning their times tables with the corresponding division facts.
- Encourage your child with their handwriting so it becomes legible and joined.

Useful websites:

Bug Club: http://www.bugclub.co.uk/
MyMaths: https://www.mymaths.co.uk/

If you would like to speak to the class teacher, please do not hesitate to make an appointment.
School phone number: **01254 54070**