

## Austen Class (Year 6) Newsletter - Term 1

Dear Year 6 parents and guardians,

Welcome back to a new school year and their final year at Oasis Marksbury Road! What an exciting start to the term we have had this week! Our main focus has been getting used to using some new apps on the iPad. The children have demonstrated excellent patience and resilience as we overcame some technical difficulties! However, they are now confident and excited about the new learning opportunities that these will provide. It has been an absolute pleasure getting to know the class this week and I am really excited about the year ahead!

We are also very lucky to have Mrs Harrington supporting us in class this year. I know she has also really enjoyed getting to know the children this week and cannot wait to help us reach our full potential in our learning.

### Curriculum:

This year as a school we are lucky enough to be a part of an exciting new curriculum where each term is based around a specific theme that the whole school shares. In Autumn 1, our focus will be 'Who am I and who am I becoming?' This is an exciting theme which will form our History, Geography, Art, Music and PSHE lessons.

This year PE will be taught by Mr Clifton and Mrs Goddard on **Thursdays** so children will need to wear PE kit on this day. They will also continue their ukulele lessons on **Wednesdays**.

### Homework:

**Reading:** We will continue to use the AR reading system this year so children should start bringing books home with them soon. They are also welcome to read any books they have at home. Children need to be reading for at least 10 minutes daily as it benefits all areas of their learning.

**Spelling:** Every Friday the children will be given a list of spellings that they need to learn. We will discuss the spelling pattern in our English lesson and then these words will be set for them to practise using Spelling Shed. These will then be tested at the end of the following week.

**Maths:** Your children have just been given a login for Sumdog which they have on their iPads. This allows them to practise various areas of the maths curriculum through a variety of games. They should also continue to practise their times tables to ensure these can be recalled fluently.

Please feel free to e-mail or call me (via the office) if you have any concerns or questions. I look forward to getting to know you all a bit better as we venture through this year together.

Kind regards,  
Miss Donaghy ☺