

# Edward Feild Governor Newsletter

## March 2020



### Launching our values, vision and mission

It seems like a very long time ago now, but you may recall we did a large-scale parent survey in December 2018 to work out what is most important to our community. On the back of that, we carried out a big piece of work with the school leaders and staff to create our long-term vision for our school, including our values and ethos. You might have heard your children coming home talking about these as the school has already been embedding our values in the curriculum and indeed in everything we do. All of the decisions that we make as a school are now weighed against our values and our vision, to help guide us as we carry on our journey to becoming the school we want to be in the service of our children, parents and the wider community.

**You can find out more about our values, vision and mission by consulting the attached document, or to dig deeper, check out our 5-year strategy on the website.**

### Safer internet

Technology is a key part of many of our children's lives and it's here to stay. There are lots of positives to technology and of course learning how to get the best use out of technology is only going to help our children in their future careers, so side-stepping it altogether probably isn't an option. However, not everything about the internet is glowing, as we all know. All of the children are given lessons in internet safety on a regular basis, and we were delighted to see so many parents and carers at our two recent after-school events. But we're really the first generation of parents to have to deal with smart phones, social media, gaming and shopping apps in the hands of our kids... and lots of us are just finding our way with that, or are about to have to as our children get older. Don't forget there's lots of information online to help you, such as [saferinternet.org.uk](http://saferinternet.org.uk)



### World Book Day

World Book Day is approaching (Thursday 5th March). As in previous years, you might notice that we celebrate it slightly differently at Edward Feild than at some of the other local schools because its very difficult to book the authors we want on the actual day, they get booked up very quickly! This year we have booked a fantastic author/illustrator to visit on 19th March 2020. We don't invite children to dress up as book characters on the day. While we know it might be slightly disappointing for some, we think it creates additional pressure for other parents, and potential sadness for children whose parents aren't able to put the time or money into a costume, when it's really not necessary. As in previous years, we may have a really simple dressing up theme if appropriate. We thank you in advance for your understanding.



### What your child is learning

We were really pleased with the results of the most recent parent survey just before Christmas, that showed that overwhelmingly parents are happy or very happy with most aspects of our school. What did come up is that parents didn't always know what their children were learning. Hopefully you have since then received the new curriculum newsletters via Parentmail that offer an overview of everything your children are learning each term. You can also find these on the website under 'What we are learning.' We've also heard from some parents that they are unsure about how to support their children at home using the same methods as are used at school for maths and reading. We're going to be looking at adding some more resources to our website for this, but in the meantime, we can recommend Oxford Owl for Home as a very useful free tool for parents – there are lots of tips and advice on how to support your child's phonics, spelling, reading comprehension and maths – and a large library of free eBooks.

[oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/](http://oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/)

<p><b>Flight</b> Year 1 and 2</p> <p><b>Oracy</b> This book will be written to be read out loud. It is a great opportunity to use the oral language skills that you have learned in school. You will also be using a variety of other skills to help you to be a good reader. You will be using the skills you have learned in school to help you to be a good reader.</p>	<p><b>Maths</b> Children will be learning to understand and explain their own thinking and that of others. They will be using their knowledge of addition and subtraction to solve problems. They will be using their knowledge of multiplication and division to solve problems.</p>	<p><b>Science</b> In Science, children will be learning about their own bodies and how they work. They will be learning about the different parts of the body and how they work together to keep us healthy.</p>	<p><b>PE</b> This term, children will be learning to use their bodies to solve problems. They will be learning to use their bodies to solve problems in a variety of ways. They will be learning to use their bodies to solve problems in a variety of ways.</p>	<p>Our values this term is creativity.</p>
<p><b>English</b> This term, we will be writing to inform and persuade. We will be using our knowledge of the different parts of a story to help us to write our own stories. We will be using our knowledge of the different parts of a story to help us to write our own stories.</p>	<p><b>Art and Design</b> Children will be learning to use their imagination to create their own art and design. They will be learning to use their imagination to create their own art and design. They will be learning to use their imagination to create their own art and design.</p>	<p><b>History</b> Children will be learning about the different parts of our country. They will be learning about the different parts of our country. They will be learning about the different parts of our country.</p>	<p><b>RE</b> Children will be learning about the different parts of our faith. They will be learning about the different parts of our faith. They will be learning about the different parts of our faith.</p>	<p><b>Music</b> Children will be learning to use their voices to create their own music. They will be learning to use their voices to create their own music. They will be learning to use their voices to create their own music.</p>

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