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WORLD BOOK DAY®

Changing lives through a love of books and reading.

World Book Day and Author Visit 5th March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are already getting excited for World Book Day, which is now just under a month away!

The aim of World Book Day is to help foster a love of reading and encourage children to see reading as an entertaining, social and fun thing to do. Reading has numerous proven benefits, including improving cognitive function, increasing vocabulary, enhancing empathy and social skills, and reducing stress.

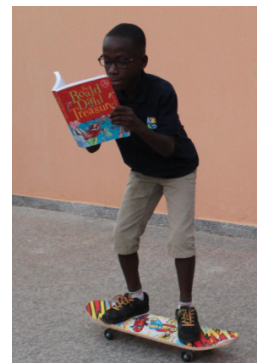
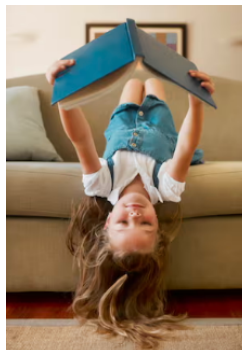
At Bandon Hill we will be celebrating World Book Day this year on **Wednesday 5th March**. We are fortunate to have the author Rucha Dixit visiting on the day. During an assembly, Rucha will give a talk about her writing process, how she became an author, offer tips for writing, as well as do a reading from her book *The Elephant Heist*. She will also be staying after the assembly to sign copies of the book (please refer to the order form at the end of this letter). The book's intended audience is 7-12 year olds, but younger children could get the book signed and then read it when they are a little older, if they wish to.

During the day, children will take part in a variety of fun activities both in their classrooms and across the school. Children and teachers will all be invited to dress up as their **favourite animal book character** on the day. These costumes do not need to be shop-bought or over-complicated.

Our annual competition this year links in with the World Book Day concept of 'Read Your Way' in that we are inviting children to take pictures of themselves reading in interesting or unusual places. Pictures can be printed out or emailed into the school office (email: office@bandonhillprimary.co.uk) and marked FAO Mrs Pearce. Please submit entries by Friday 28th February. A KS1 and KS2 winner will be chosen and announced during our world Book Day celebrations. Please ensure that entries include the child's full name and class name. Some photo examples to inspire you are provided below.



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We are really looking forward to our World Book Day celebrations and the opportunity it presents to get creative and most importantly, to get reading!

We look forward to seeing the children in their costumes and seeing what unusual and creative places they find to read!

Kind regards,

Mrs Pearce
English Lead



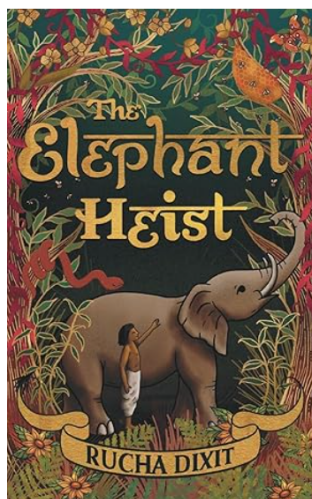


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Order Form

The Elephant Heist is a story that can be enjoyed by independent readers or read together. Copies of the book can be pre-ordered for signing and collection on the day for £10 per copy. If you or your child would like to purchase an autographed copy, please complete the order form below and return to the school office, FAO Mrs Pearce in an envelope with £10 payment by **Friday 14th February**.



Deft at handling snakes, finding his way through the forest, and collecting honey from hives, Heera - a tribal boy in colonial India - is well-adapted to the jungle. Saving the life of an elephant calf in his early childhood years earns him the friendship and trust of the animal whom he names Bali. But when Bali is captured during shikar, Heera's world turns upside down. He vows to free Bali but little does he know; he is head-to-head with a sinister and powerful enemy who speaks a foreign tongue and his quest to free Bali will cause him to stumble upon a collateral truth that will change his life forever. With no friends and family, apart from his mother who wants him to abandon his quest, will Heera succeed?

I would like to order (how many) _____ copy/ies of ***The Elephant Heist*** by Rucha Dixit.

Child's name: _____

Class name: _____

I have enclosed £10 payment.

