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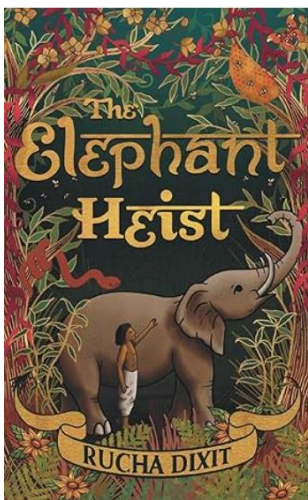
World Book Day Author Visit 5th March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are aware we will be celebrating World Book Day at Bandon Hill 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.

The Elephant Heist is a story that can be enjoyed by independent readers (aged approx. 7-12) or read together. Although the pre-order time period has now closed, Rucha has indicated that she will be bringing copies of the book on the day that can be purchased and signed for £10 per copy. If you or your child would like to purchase an autographed copy, please send in £10 on the day in an envelope with your child's name, class name and number of copies requested on the front. Please instruct your child to hand these to their class teacher upon arrival at school for safekeeping.

Thanks and regards,
Mrs Pearce
English Lead



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?

