

# HILLSIDE INFANT SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We will be celebrating World Book Week next week in school with a range of exciting events for the children to enjoy! Dates and events are as follows:

## Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2026 - Sponsored Reading Event

To help nurture a lifelong love of reading both at home and at school, we are excited to launch our Sponsored Read! We would greatly appreciate your support by encouraging your child to read for **just 10 minutes each day**. This can be done independently, by reading to someone else, or by listening to a story. Remember — anything with words counts! Books, comics, magazines, menus, websites, recipes and more all help build reading confidence and enjoyment.

Sponsorship forms will be sent home on **27<sup>th</sup> February**. Every contribution, big or small, will go towards purchasing exciting new books for our children to read and enjoy.

## Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February - Whole School Homework

James Sellick's book is about how orangutans are becoming endangered. Can you find out about animals which are becoming endangered? You could make a craft model of the animal and share some facts or you could complete a piece of art work or even write a fact file to share in class.

## Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March - Author Visit

We are thrilled to share that **James Sellick**, author of *There's a Rang-Tan in My Bedroom*, will be visiting our school on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March** — how exciting!

The children will have the wonderful opportunity to meet the author behind our much-loved story, learn more about his inspiration for writing it, and take part in a special session celebrating reading and storytelling. We can't wait for this memorable experience!

Please make payment via **Arbor of £3.60**. If you would like to purchase one of James's books, please see the attached PDF for further information on how to order.

## Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March – Whole School Dress-Up Day

Can you dress up as an animal from a story? You could be Elmer the Elephant, the Monkey from Monkey Puzzle, or even the orangutan from *There's a Rang-Tan in My Bedroom*! There's no need to buy a costume — we encourage you to be creative and use what you already have at home. We can't wait to see all of your fantastic ideas!



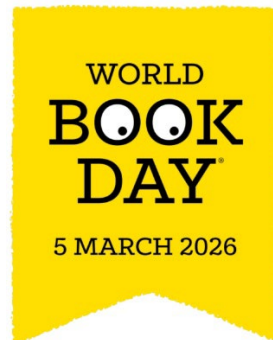
**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March -Cake Sale – 3:15 – 4:00pm**

Join us for a slice of cake on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March from 3:15pm as we raise money to buy new books for our school and inspire a love of reading! Every penny raised will go directly towards exciting new books for our children. Reading leads to achievement, so please help us nurture a lifelong love of reading at Hillside.

The cake sale will take place under the canopy near the main office. If you are able to donate cakes, please bring them into school on the morning of Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March. We are asking for any parent helpers for the cake sale please let the office know if you can help.

We really hope the children enjoy these events! Thank you so much for your continued support in helping us inspire a love of reading!

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs Bharaj  
English Lead



Hello!

We are thrilled to tell you that author James Sellick is coming to your school!

James' sessions aim to nurture and develop students' skills and enthusiasm towards reading, writing and the environment.

Books are available to order now - [click here](#) or order through school if this is supported (cash/parentpay etc).

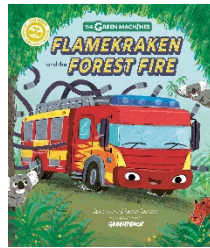
James will then sign and personalise the books!

# Authors Abroad



## James Sellick

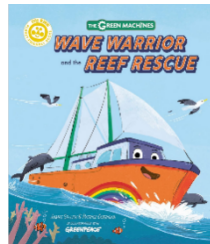
James is an award-winning, Empathy Lab trained author, playwright and creative director from London. After completing an economics degree, he decided life would be more interesting if he could entertain people for a living!



### Flamekraken and the Forest Fire (Green Machines)

£9.99

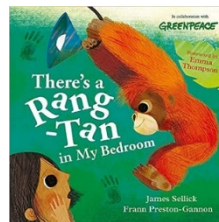
When a dangerous wildfire starts in Evergreen Forest, putting the lives of Kevin, Kia, Sid and Dixie in danger, Flamekraken is quick to respond. Flamekraken battles the ferocious fire with his eight tentacular hoses and every drop of water he has. Will he get the flames under control before he runs out of water? Or will the fire be too powerful?



### Wave Warrior and the Reef Rescue (Green Machines)

£9.99

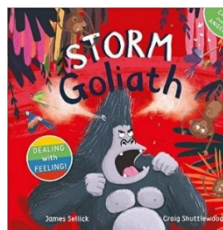
When Wave Warrior spots Codzilla dragging his net along the seabed, she is quick to confront him. After all, these are protected waters! But Codzilla makes it very clear he has no intention of fishing elsewhere. Will Wave Warrior have what it takes to stop Codzilla and save Hope Reef? When there's a Warrior, there's a way!



### There's a Rang-Tan in My Bedroom

£7.99

Published in collaboration with Greenpeace, it tells the story of a little girl who discovers a mischievous orangutan on the loose in her bedroom, she can't understand why it keeps shouting OOO! at her shampoo and her chocolate.



### Storm Goliath

£7.99

Goliath gets angry all the time. The tiniest thing can spark off his rages. Birds singing. Crocs crunching. Even a badly timed birthday party. Luckily, Goliath realises that, whilst he can't stop getting angry, he can control how he gets angry. His new theory is soon put to the test by, Paco, the world's worst parrot. Storm Goliath offers a crucial starting point for talking to children about empathy, emotions, and big feelings.



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Authors Abroad supply books



**Books are sent to school before the visit on a sale or return basis – usually 30-50 copies, but this can be changed if you let us know beforehand.**

## **How does your cashless book ordering system work?**

We provide a PDF book letter to send to parents which links to our online bookshop and a selection of books by your visiting author. When adding books to their cart, customers select their school name and visit date, and at checkout they add their child's name and class number. On the eve of the visit, we email you a list of orders, and again just before midday on the day of the visit. These orders should be taken from the box of books sent ahead of the visit and signed by the author. We also leave the order link open for a week after the visit, and any orders placed after the visit can also be fulfilled from the stock supplied.

## **We're holding a traditional book sale, how do we send you the money collected?**

Please collect payments from your students. When we finalise sales numbers, we will raise an invoice so school can send us the money.

## **What happens if we sell out of books?**

We can easily send more books via a next day courier. If you know you will need more before the visit, [get in touch](#) and we will discuss how many more to send. If you sell out during or after the visit, direct parents to order via our website, or take firm orders in school. The author can leave signed book plates and we will send any remaining books to school.

## **Want to take card payments during the book sale but don't have a card machine?**

You can print and display the book letter so parents can scan the QR code and pay for books via our website. When collecting books, their email receipt can be shown as proof of payment. If you do this, please ask parents to note that the book/s have already been collected in the freetype area at checkout where they add their child's name and class number.

## **If we sell less than 25 books how do we return the unsold books?**

If you do not meet the minimum number for free returns, please post the books back to us at Authors Abroad, 2/4 Briggate, Silsden, West Yorkshire, BD20 9JT. Please complete the returns form supplied and return it with the books. We recommend using [Royal Mail Online](#) 2<sup>nd</sup> class for best value.

## **How do we boost sales to earn more loyalty points & benefits?**

The key is promoting the books in the run up to the visit. We provide a poster that you can print and display around school, as well as a letter to hand out to parents, so that they are aware that they can get signed books as part of the visit. The letter can be emailed or printed and it's a good idea to send it twice, once a few weeks before the visit, and again a few days or a week before. If the children are excited, and the parents are aware, the books should sell!

For more information on loyalty points please visit <https://www.authorsabroad.com/loyalty-scheme>