



St. Stephen's Church of England Junior School

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**'Learning to change the World'**  
**'Act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with your God'**

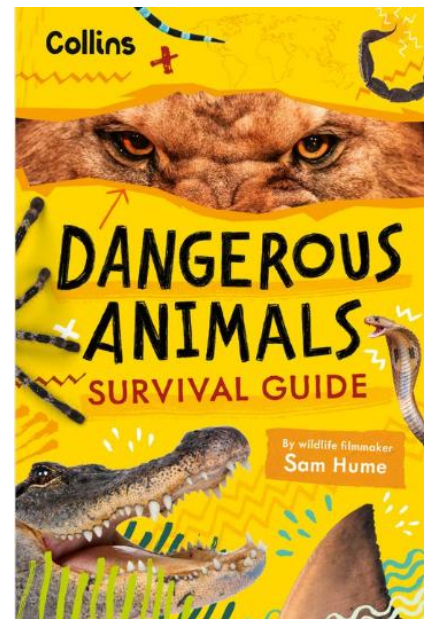
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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We will be celebrating World Book Day on **Friday 6th March** this year. Our theme will be animals.

We are very lucky to be welcoming the author Sam Hume to give a talk to the school in the afternoon. There will be an opportunity to buy a signed book- 'Dangerous animals survival guide' for £10 after school. More details to follow.

**Sam Hume** is a wildlife film-maker, whose work has featured on the BBC (*Springwatch*, *Big Blue Live*), Apple TV+ (*Tiny World*) and ITV (*A Year On Planet Earth* (in production)). He studied Zoology at St Andrews University, where he was the senior aquarist of the local aquarium - training harbour seals and managing captive breeding of thornback rays.  
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We will be running a competition in the run up to World Book day, with a winner from each year group winning a copy of Sam Hume's book. Children will have the opportunity to decorate a paper plate with a scene/character of an animal themed book. It could be Paddington enjoying his marmalade sandwiches, The Cat in the Hat or the animals of The Hundred Acre Wood. Paper plates will be going home on Friday 13th February and due back in school by Thursday 5th March. Please ensure your child's full name and class are clearly labelled on the back of the plate.

On the day itself (Friday 6th March) we would like children to come into school dressed as an animal. This could be an animal from a book or a wild animal that might be found in Sam Hume's 'Dangerous creatures' book. Attached are some examples. We really do not want there to be a cost to this so coming in the colour of the animal will be absolutely brilliant. Children will then be encouraged to discuss which animal they are.

We are really looking forward to the day to share our love of reading and would ask you to encourage your child to take part.

Kind regards

Hannah Nicholas





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Costume examples:





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Paper plate examples:

