**The Animal Lighthouse by Anthony Burt**

**School & Festival Events**

**About the book**

*"This swashbuckling, joyous adventure left me BEAMING with delight!"* Vashti Hardy

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Description automatically generatedAn exciting piratical adventure about Jim, a boy washed up on a hidden island as a baby and cared for by a wonderful family of animals. Life as a lighthouse keeper is full of fun and adventure until one day a pirate ship is spotted, bringing with it unwanted, dangerous answers to Jim's past and who his real family is. A piratical adventure for fans of Johnny Duddle and Vashti Hardy.

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***Explore the Animal Lighthouse***

**About the events**

Join author Anthony Burt for a swashbuckling introduction to his new novel *The Animal Lighthouse,* a reading and a PowerPoint talk about how he became a children’s author. There are three different workshops to choose from focused around creative writing and STEM learning for ages 7 to 12:

***Animal Crackers*** *–* we’ll learn everything there is to know about orangutans, why they are endangered, how they move, and how they’re so smart. Anthony will lead an interactive world-building and character creating activity, using props, puppets, performance and draw-a-longs to show children how to make their own, realistic and brilliant animal characters for stories!

***Lighthouse Gadgets*** *–* heading inside the lighthouse, we’ll use Anthony’s giant “broken” circuit board, light prisms and objects to discover the history of lighthouses, how they work, who runs them, and take a look at all the cool technical gadget wizardry that makes them the amazing ships’ saviours of the seas. Then we’ll invent the insides of our own gadget-laden lighthouses for a story!

***Maps & Mirages*** *–* Anthony will use objects, role play and STEM topics to show how a “Fata Morgana” mirage works in real-life and how the special lighthouse beam three-and-a-half in *The* *Animal Lighthouse* creates this optical illusion to keep the island hidden. We’ll do world-building and map-drawing so children can create their own island setting for their story!

* Workshops tailored for age / suitable for class size Years 3-6 and assemblies / sessions include a 7-page educational print and teacher resource on mirages, orangutans and lighthouses
* Event is 1 hour including time for Q&A / Extra time needed for book sales and signing
* In person – £175 half day (2 sessions) / £300 full day (4 sessions) + travel expenses / Digital – 1 hr session – £75

A person wearing glasses

Description automatically generated with medium confidence**About Anthony Burt**

Anthony has worked in primary, secondary and adult education for over twenty years, and run inspiring community youth work, art, film and TV projects for children with SEND. He’s a qualified teacher, book festival host, and loyal butler to his cat, Watson. Anthony has been writing since he was five-years-old, and has written for CiTV, Doctor Who Adventures magazine, Nickelodeon, and Disney.