

I have created a short book which teaches younger children (and adults) about coastal erosion and how we can help prevent it.

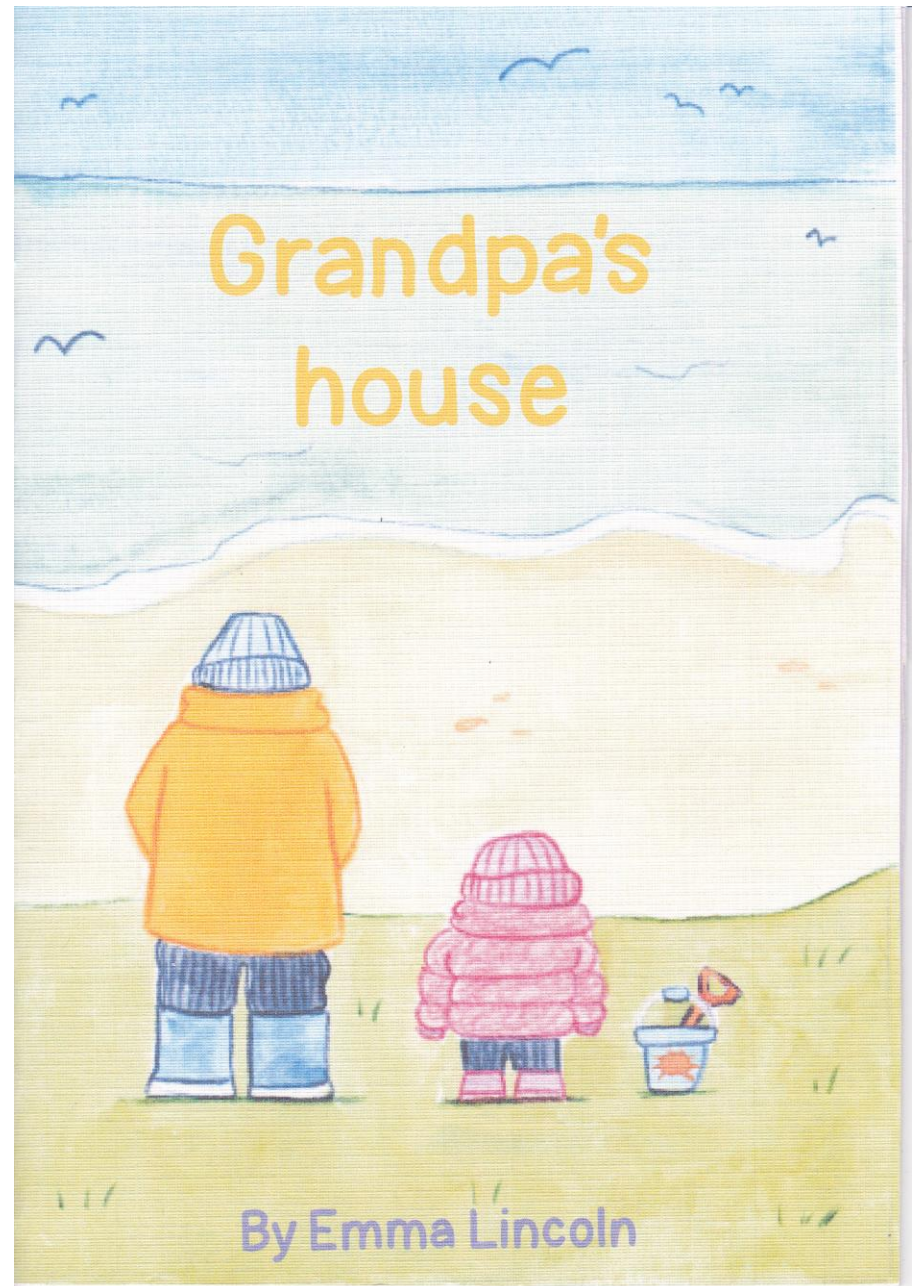
It was inspired by a lifetime spent in Norfolk, with regular visits to the coast!

The book measures approximately 14 cm x 20 cm.

It was created from original watercolour paintings which are finished with coloured pencils before being scanned.

The text, background and spot illustrations were added digitally. The pages are trimmed and then stitched together by hand.

Thank you





Grandpa



Annabelle



Map



Grandpa's house



Every weekend, Annabelle goes to stay with Grandpa.

Grandpa lives in a little house on the north Norfolk coast.



He's lived there since he was born
(a long, long time ago)!



When Annabelle goes to Grandpa's house, they do lots of fun things - birdwatch through the windows,



say 'hello' to Grandpa's friends and play on the beach.



They crashed and crashed against the cliff

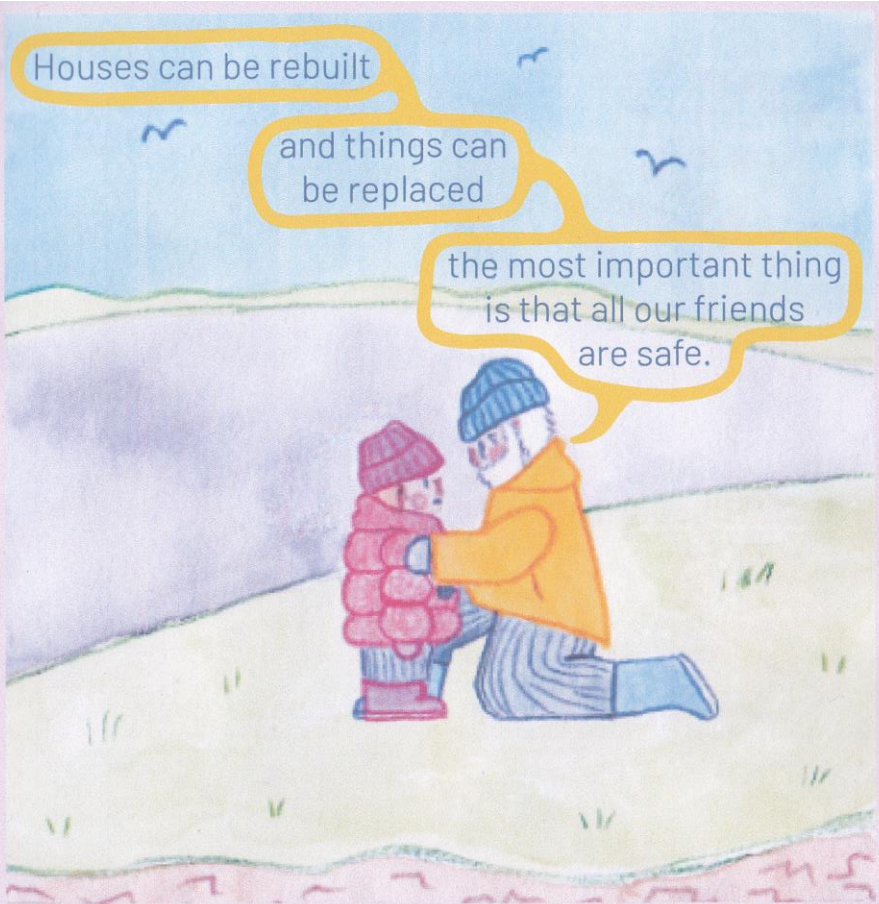
In the night, the waves were big and strong.

until the house was gone.

Grandpa,

where is your house?

Where are all of your things?

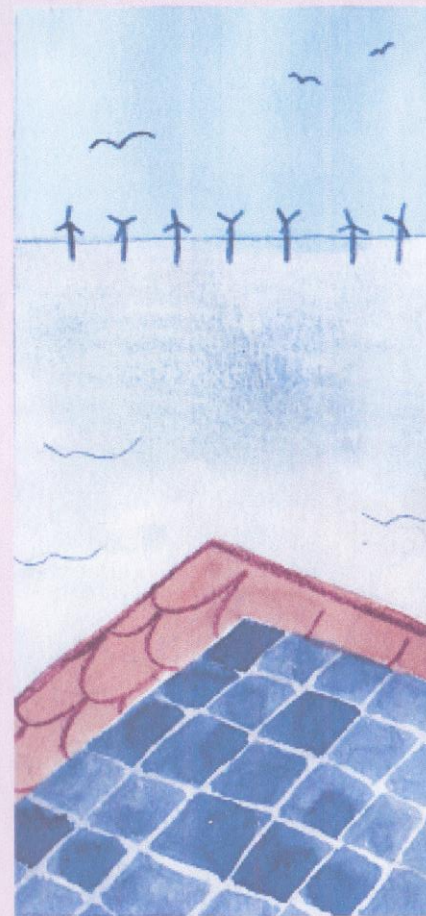
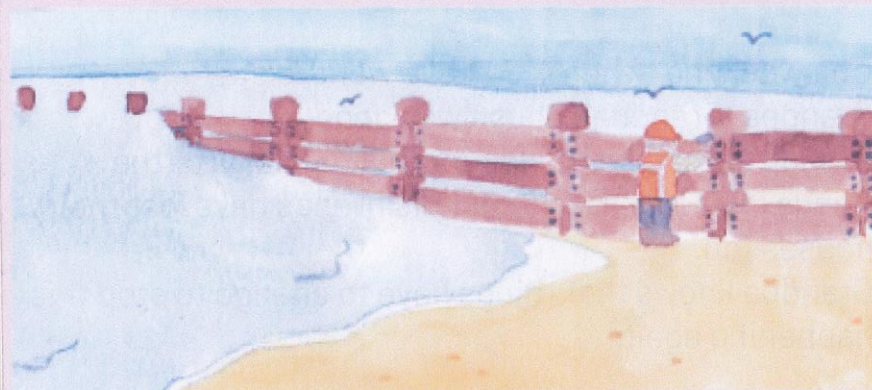
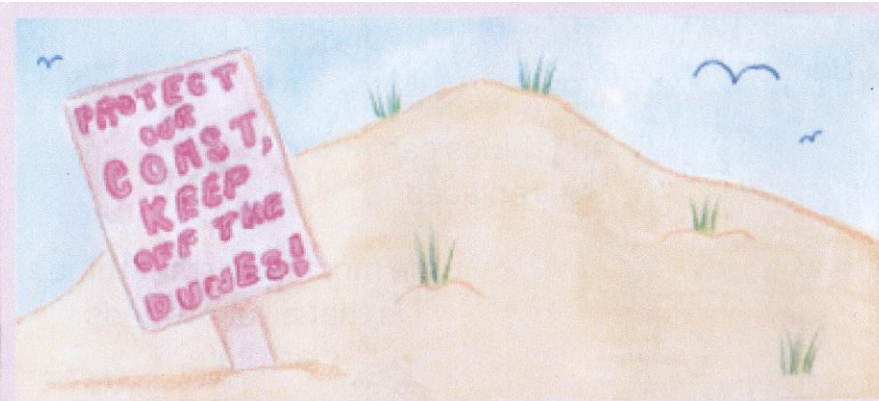


Houses can be rebuilt

and things can be replaced

the most important thing is that all our friends are safe.

One weekend, when Annabelle went to stay with Grandpa, Grandpa's house was gone. Grandpa is sad he has lost his home and all of the things inside, he is sad that his friends have lost their houses too. Grandpa knows that things have to change to stop this happening again.



So Grandpa and his friends (and Annabelle as well) quickly got to work - they put up signs to spread the word, added more sand to the beach and fixed the old defences.

Then, they changed little things to help the earth. They used the sun and wind to power their new houses, used less plastic and grew some of their own food!



Annabelle and Grandpa, along with all their friends, hope that what they've done will stop this from happening again.

How did Grandpa, Annabelle and their friends help to protect the coast?

Kept off the dunes

Sand dunes do lots of important jobs, they are home to many little creatures and they protect the coast from storms (which helps to stop coastal flooding).

Added sand to the beach

This is called 'Sandscaping', it helps the beach to make the waves less strong (so that they can't break the cliffs).

Fixed the old defences

Sea defences can't do their job if they're broken. It's important to make sure they are strong enough to defend against the waves.

How can we all help to make a difference?

Grandpa, Annabelle and their friends know all about Climate Change (changes to the weather which make it harder to live on earth). We can all do our bit to make things better.

We can:

Power our homes with the sun and wind

We can put solar panels on top of our houses or switch to renewable energy providers.

Use less plastic

We can take bags with us when we go shopping, use a water bottle (instead of buying ones we throw away) and buy bamboo toothbrushes next time we need one.

Recycle

We can clean Cereal boxes and Yoghurt pots so they can be recycled and made into something new!

Thank you
for reading!



Grandpa's house is a story about coastal erosion and how it affects the communities of the north Norfolk coast.

It is a tale of hope in the face of fear.