



Year 5 and Year 6 RECOMMENDED READING LIST

Below is a list of suggested titles, categorised according to genre: some are, of course, more accessible than others but please encourage your child to be ambitious in some of their choices. Many more titles could have been added to this list, but we hope it embodies a diversity of literature - and represents a range of reading tastes - as it stands. Please seek guidance from your son / daughter's English teacher as to suitable material, should you require help in this respect.

Animals

- Black Beauty - Anna Sewell*
- The Midnight Fox - Betsy Byars
- The Hundred and One Dalmatians - Dodie Smith
- The Marble Crusher - Michael Morpurgo
- Wild Lives series - Nick Arnold
- Sandy Lane Stables - Michelle Bates
- The Rover Adventures - Roddy Doyle
- Tooth and Claw - Stephen Moore
- Mrs Frisby and The Rats of Nihm - Robert C. O'Brien
- Dreamseeker Trilogy - Jenny Oldfield
- Varjak Paw series - S. F. Said
- The Jungle Book - Rudyard Kipling
- The Butterfly Lion – Michael Morpurgo

Spooky/Mystery

- I Know What You Did Last Wednesday - Anthony Horowitz
- Holes - Louis Sachar*
- Pig Heart Boy - Malorie Blackman
- Hacker - Malorie Blackman
- The Magician's House Quartet - William Corlett
- Secret of Platform 13 - Eva Ibbotson
- Dial a Ghost - Eva Ibbotson
- The Ghost of Thomas Kempe - Penelope Lively
- A Stitch in Time - Penelope Lively
- Goosebumps Series - R. L. Stine
- Room 13 - Robert Swindells

Humour

- Double Act - Jacqueline Wilson
- There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom - Louis Sachar
- Dork Diaries Collection - Rachel Renee Russell
- Diary of a Wimpy Kid Collection - Jeff Kinney
- Middle School: The Worst Years of my Life - James Patterson & Chris Tebbetts
- Diary of a Sixth Grade Ninja - Marcus Emerson
- Tales of Fourth Grade Nothing - Judy Blume
- Big Nate Series- Lincoln Peirce
- Wayside School Series - Louis Sachar
- A Turn in the Grave - Bowwayne
- Molly Moon - Georgia Byng
- The Spud from Outer Space - Susan Gates
- The Last Polar Bears - Harry Horse
- Demon Dentist – David Walliams
- Billionaire Boy – David Walliams
- Grandpa's Great Escape – David Walliams

Historical

- Walter and Me - Michael Morpurgo
- The Butterfly Lion - Michael Morpurgo
- Friend or Foe - Michael Morpurgo
- Letters from the Lighthouse - Emma Carroll
- Inside Out and Back Again - Thanhha Lai
- The War That Saved My Life - Kimberly Brubaker Bradley
- One Crazy Summer - Rita Williams-Garcia
- War Boy - Michael Foreman
- War Game - Michael Foreman
- Warhorse - Michael Morpurgo
- War of Jenkins Ear – Michael Morpurgo
- A Time of Fire - Robert Westall
- The Abbey Mysteries - Cherith Baldry
- The Roman Mystery series - Caroline Lawrence
- The Way of the Warrior - Andrew Matthews
- Great Pyramid Robbery - Katherine Roberts

Fantasy

- The Hobbit - JRR Tolkien *
- Harry Potter Series - J K Rowling*
- Watership Down - Richard Adams
- Northern Lights - Philip Pullman*
- Dragon Rider - Cornelia Funke
- Artemis Fowl - Eoin Colfer
- Mister Monday - Garth Nix
- Boy in the Tower - Polly Ho-Yen

- The Indian in the Cupboard series - Lynne Reid Banks
- Frog Princess - E. D. Baker
- Dragon's Breath - E. D. Baker
- The Boggart - Susan Cooper
- Dragon books - Cressida Cowell
- Harvey Angell - Diana Hendry
- Dogsboddy - Diana Wynne Jones
- A Tale of Time City - Diana Wynne Jones
- Skulduggery Pleasant - Derek Landy
- Playing with Fire - Derek Landy
- The Witch Trade - Michael Molly
- The Dog So Small - Phillipa Pearce
- Dakota of the White Flats - Philip Ridley
- Scribbleboy - Philip Ridley
- A Series of Unfortunate Events Lemony Snicket – Daniel Handler
- Muddle Earth - Paul Stewart

Adventure/Action

- Tom's Midnight Garden - Philippa Pearce
- Aquila - Andrew Norris
- The Sleeping Sword - Michael Morpurgo
- The Shapeshifter Collection - Ali Sparkes
- A.N.T.I.D.O.T.E. - Malorie Blackman
- Thief - Malorie Blackman
- Dead Gorgeous - Malorie Blackman
- The Last Free Cat - John Blake
- Jimmy Coates Sabotage - Joe Craig
- Iron Heads - Susan Gates
- Diamond Brothers series - Anthony Horowitz
- Wicked - Anthony Masters
- Storm Runners - Barbara Mitchelhill
- The Invisible Detective series - Justin Richards
- Stormsearch - Robert Westall
- In the Nick of Time - Robert Westall
- The Baker Street Boys - Anthony Read
- The Cats of Seroster - Robert Westall
- Football Academy Series – Tom Palmer
- Foul Play Series – Tom Palmer
- Wings Series – Tom Palmer

Well-loved Authors

- Matilda - Roald Dahl
- Danny the Champion of the World - Roald Dahl
- Boy - Roald Dahl
- Going Solo - Roald Dahl*
- Charm School - Anne Fine
- The Sheep Pig - Dick King-Smith
- The Water Horse - Dick King-Smith
- Escape from Shangri-La – Michael Morpurgo
- Long Way home - Michael Morpurgo
- The White Horse of Zennor - Michael Morpurgo
- Toro! Toro! - Michael Morpurgo
- Farm Boy - Michael Morpurgo
- Kensuke's Kingdom - Michael Morpurgo
- Wreck of Zanzibar - Michael Morpurgo
- Tracy Beaker - Jacqueline Wilson
- Best Friends - Jacqueline Wilson
- Secrets, Midnight - Jacqueline Wilson
- The Indian in the Cupboard Series – Lynne Reid Banks
- Harry Potter Series – J.K Rowling
- Famous Five - Enid Blyton

*More challenging texts