

Year 5 Reading List

We are often asked to recommend books that are popular with children and have a good literary content. Reading a range of modern and classic literature will also help your child to develop their vocabulary whilst enjoying their reading.

Research has found that children benefit from reading for pleasure in many ways including:
'Children who read for pleasure are likely to do significantly better at school than their peers, making greater progress in mathematics, development of vocabulary and spelling.'

(Sullivan & Brown, Social inequalities in cognitive scores at age 16: The role of reading, 2013)

'The lack of vocabulary knowledge is primarily caused by lack of opportunity not a lack of natural ability' (Chall et al)

'Poor vocabulary is the prime cause of academic failure' (Clegg et al)

Not only will it help their education and communication skills, but most importantly, they will really enjoy reading as long as they have a good book to suit their tastes.

We have therefore put together some suggestions for each year group in the form of a recommended reading list. We would also welcome your views and appreciate your suggestions about other books that could be added to the list.

Please remember that parents / carers have final responsibility for assessing the suitability of books that the children choose to read at home. If you want to find out more about a book, reading reviews and ratings on websites like www.lovereading4kids.co.uk and Amazon UK can often help.

If you would like any further information about reading, please ask your child's classteacher and we will be happy to help.

Author	Book Title
Janet and Allen Ahlberg	The Bear Nobody Wanted
Joan Aiken	Go Saddle the Sea
Bernard Ashley	Break in the Sun Johnnie's Blitz
Nina Bawden	Granny the Pag
Enid Blyton	The Famous Five St Clares
Martin Booth	War Dog
Melvin Burgess	The Ghost Behind the Wall The Earth Giant
Sheila Burnford	The Incredible Journey
Betsy Byars	The Eighteenth Emergency The Cartoonist
Aidan Chambers	Seal Secret
P.J. Lynch and Hans Christian Anderson	The Snow Queen
Eoin Colfer	Artemis Fowl Benny and Omar The Wish List
Susan Cooper	King of Shadows The Boggart

	Over Sea, Under Stone The Dark is Rising Sequence
Helen Cresswell	The Bagthorpe Saga Moondial
Gillian Cross	New World The Demon Headmaster The Great Elephant Chase
Roald Dahl	Danny Champion of the World The BFG
Anita Desai	The Village by the Sea
Monica Edwards	Punchbowl Farm Stories
Patricia Elliot	The Ice Boy
Penelope Farmer	Charlotte Sometimes
Catherine Fisher	The Empty Hand The Snow-Walker Trilogy
Cornelia Funke	The Thief Lord
Leon Garfield	Smith The God Beneath the Sea The Stolen Watch
Eve Garnett	The Family From One End Street
Morris Gleitzman	Boy Overboard The Other Facts of Life
Rumer Goden	The Diddakoi
Kenneth Grahame	The Wind in the Willows
Frances Hodgson Burnett	The Secret Garden
Anthony Horowitz	Stormbreaker
Lesley Howarth	Maphead
Ted Hughes	How the Whales Became The Iron Woman
Eva Ibbotson	The Secret of Platform 13
Roberto Innocenti	Rose Blanche
Madhur Jaffrey	Seasons of Splendour
Tove Jansson	Finn Family Moomintroll
Susan Jeffers	Brother Eagle, Sister Sky
Terry Jones	The Knight and the Squire Erik the Viking Fairy Tales
Norton Juster	The Phantom Tollbooth
M.M. Kaye	The Ordinary Princess
Judith Kerr	When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit
Dick King-Smith	Godhanger Lady Daisy
Rudyard Kipling	Just So Stories
Andrew Lang	Tales of Troy and Greece
Ursula Le Guin	The Earthsea Quartet
Penelope Lively	A Stitch in Time The Revenge of Samuel Stokes A House Inside Out
Margaret Mahy	The Greatest Show Off Earth The Pirates' Mixed-Up Voyage

Jan Mark	Nothing to be Afraid of The Lady With Iron Bones Thunder and Lightnings The Eclipse of the Century
William Mayne	A Grass Rope A Swarm in May
Geraldine McCaughrean	Gold Dust Plundering Paradise A Little Lower Than the Angels
Michael Morpurgo	The War of Jenkins' Ear Arthur High King of Britain The Wreck of Zanzibar
Terry Nation	Rebecca's World
Mary Norton	Bedknob and Broomstick The Borrowers
Robert C O'Brien	Mrs Frisby and the Rats of Nimh
Katherine Patterson	Bridge to Terabithia The Great Gilly Hopkins
Terry Pratchett	The Amazing Maurice and His Educated Rodents The Johnny Maxwell Trilogy Truckers
Philip Pullman	The Ruby in the Smoke The Wonderful Story of Aladdin and the Enchanted Lamp The Adventures of the New Cut Gang Series
Michael Rosen	South and North, East and West
J.K. Rowling	Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone
Anna Sewell	Black Beauty
Noel Streatfield	Ballet Shoes
Rosemary Sutcliff	Beowulf: Dragonslayer Black Ships Before Troy
Robert Swindells	Voyage to Valhalla
Alan Temperley	Harry and the Wrinklies
Alison Uttley	A Traveller in Time
A Rutgers van der Loeff	Children on the Oregon Trail
Sylvia Waugh	The Mennymys
Robert Westall	Blitz Cat Kingdom by the Sea
Oscar Wilde	Stories for Children
Jacqueline Wilson	Double Act The Bed and Breakfast Star The Illustrated Mum The Story of Tracy Beaker
Bob Wilson	Stanley Bagshaw and the Twenty-Two Ton Whale
Dianna Wynne Jones	A Tale of Time City Dogsbody The Worlds of Chrestomanci