

Mayfield Grammar School

Those students joining us in September 2019 will receive a summer holiday reading list on Induction Day. The ideas below are for all children in Year 5.



Summer reading for Year 5s and above

This week marks the 20th anniversary of the publication of *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*. In 1997, the publishers printed just 500 copies of this book by JK Rowling; it has gone on to sell over 500,000,000 copies worldwide and helped to kick-start a resurgence of interest in children's fiction.

Adults and children continue to read the Harry Potter stories, children's fiction in this country is celebrated through prizes like the Carnegie prize and there is evidence to show that people are returning to real books and putting aside their kindles!

The joy of reading and the joy of sharing stories with others is one of the greatest pleasures in life. With the long days of the summer holidays ahead of us, now is the time to read as widely as possible.

Here are a few of our suggestions:

Anything by:

- David Walliams
- Jacqueline Wilson
- Michael Morpurgo
- JK Rowling
- David Baddiel
- Katherine Woodfine
- Kate O'Hearn



Enjoyable novels:

- *Journey to the River Sea* - Eva Ibbotson
- *Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief* - Rick Riordan
- *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* - Rodrick Rules
- *The Island at the End of Everything* – Kiran Millwood
- *A Series of Unfortunate Events* – Lemony Snicket
- *Barry Loser series* – Jim Smith
- *Millions* - Frank Cottrell Boyce
- *Skellig* – David Almond
- *A Monster Calls* – Patrick Ness

We are sure that you will find something in this list to enjoy. Happy summer reading!