

Recommended Reading List Year 5 / Year 6

This list is intended to be a guide to books suitable for children in Year 5 and Year 6. The list, covering a range of genres, is drawn from a number of sources including teachers own recommendations, the National Literacy recommended texts and reading lists suggested by other schools. Some of the texts are more difficult to read than others and care should be taken when choosing those which your child might enjoy.

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| Adams, R | Watership Down |
| Ahlberg, A | Woof |
| | My Brother's Ghost |
| Aiken, J | The Wolves of Willoughby Chase |
| | The Cuckoo Tree |
| Alcott, L | Little Women |
| Almond D | Skellig |
| Ardagh, P | Awful End |
| Ashely, B | Johnnie's Blitz |
| Banks, L | Indian in the Cupboard |
| | Return of the Indian |
| Barlow, S | Tales of a Dark Forest |
| Bawden, N | Carrie's War |
| | Off the Road |
| | The Finding |
| Blackman, M | Dangerous Reality |
| | Hacker |
| | Operation Gadgetman |
| | Pig Heart Boy |
| | Thief |
| Blishen, E | Science Fiction Stories |
| Blume, J | Tales of Fourth Grade Nothing |
| Branford, H | Fire, Bed and Bone |
| Burnford, S | The Incredible Journey |
| Burgess, M | Copper Treasure |
| Burnett, F | The Secret Garden |
| Byars, B | Midnight Fox |
| | The TV Kid |
| | The Seven Treasure Hunts |
| Carey, D | Star Trek Voyager Endgame |
| Carroll, L | Alice's Adventures in Wonderland |
| Catling, P | Chocolate Touch |
| Cave, K | Septimus Similon, Practising Wizard |
| Coleman, M | Weirdo's War |
| Colfer, E | Artemis Fowl |

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| Coolidge S | What Katie Did Next |
| Cooper, S | Boggart and the Monster |
| | Dark is Rising |
| | The Grey King |
| | Greenwitch |
| | Silver on the Tree |
| Cowell, C | How to Train your Dragon series |
| Cresswell, H | Stonestruck |
| | Moondial |
| | The Bongleweed |
| | The Watchers |
| Cross, G | Demon Headmaster series |
| | New Worlds |
| | The Great Elephant Chase |
| Cushman, K | Catherine, Called Birdy |
| Dahl, R | Matilda |
| | BFG |
| | Charlie and the Chocolate Factory |
| Dalton, A | Dream Snatcher |
| | Afterdark Princess |
| Dicks, T | Unexplained series |
| D'Lacey | Fire Within |
| Doherty, B | Street Child |
| Falkner, J | Moonfleet |
| Filipovozic | Zlata's Diary |
| Fisher, C | Snow – Walker's Son |
| | The Empty Hand |
| | The Soul Thieves |
| Fisk, N | Grinny |
| Foreman, M | Wargame |
| Garfield, L | John Diamond |
| Garner, A | Elidor |
| | Moon of Gomrath |
| | Owl Service |
| | Weirdstone of Brisingamen |
| Gathorne-Hardy, J | Cyril of the Apes |
| Gavin, J | Wheel of Surya |
| Golden, C | Star Trek Voyager |
| Guy, R | Friends |
| Hamley, D | The War and Freddy |
| Hawkins, E | Peril of the Sea |
| Hendry, D | Minders |

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| Hill, D | Malcolm and the Cloud Stealer Alien Deeps See Ya, Simon |
| Hoffman, M | Special Powers |
| Holm | I am David |
| Horowitz, A | Alex Rider series Granny The Switch |
| Horwood, W | Willows in Winter |
| Howarth, L | Mr Spaceman |
| Hughes, T | Iron Man |
| Ibbotson, E | Journey to the River Sea Star of Kazan |
| Jacques, B | Redwall series |
| Jones, T | Knight and the Squire |
| Kemp, G | Turbulent Term of Tyke Tyler |
| Kerr D | When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit |
| King, C | Stig of the Dump |
| Kipling R | The Jungle Book |
| Lewis, CS | The Narnia Chronicles |
| Le Guin, U | Wizards of Earthsea |
| Lively, P | The Ghost of Thomas Kemp A Stitch in Time |
| Lowry, L | Anastasia Krupnik |
| Magorian, M | Goodnight Mr Tom |
| Marryat, C | Children of the New Forest |
| Mooney, B | Stove Haunting |
| Morpurgo, M | Wreck of the Zanzibar War Horse Why the Whales Came Friend or Foe |
| Nesbit, E | Phoenix and the Carpet Railway Children |
| Norriss, A | Aquila |
| Norton M | The Borrowers |
| O'Brien, R C | Mrs Frisby and the Rats of Nimh |
| Oppel, K | Sunswing |
| Paiiba, H | Adventure Stories for Ten Year Olds |
| Pearce, P | Tom's Midnight Garden |

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| Pullman, P | Clockwork or All Wound UP Northern Lights series The Firework Makers Daughter Golden Compass The Scarecrow and his Servant |
| Pratchett, T | Truckers |
| Ransome, A | Swallows and Amazons |
| Rowling, J K | Harry Potter series |
| Serrailier, I | Silver Sword |
| Sewell, A | Black Beauty |
| Shaw, B | Killer Planet |
| Shipton, P | The Mighty Skink |
| Snicket L | A Series of Unfortunate Events |
| Spyri J | Heidi |
| Stevenson R L | Treasure Island |
| Stewart, P | The Edge Chronicles |
| Storr, C | Marianne Dreams |
| Sutcliff, R | Eagle of Ninth The Witch's Brat |
| Swindells, R | Inside the Worm A Candle in the Dark |
| Tolkein, J | The Hobbit The Lord of the Rings |
| Twain, M | Adventures of Huckleberry Finn |
| Westall, R | Creature in the Dark The Machine-Gunners The Promise |
| White, E | Charlotte's Web |
| White, T | The Sword in the Stone |
| Wilder, L | On the Banks of Plum Creek |
| Wilson, J | Suitcase Kid The Mum Minder |