

Year 5 Recommended Reading List

The books range various genres to cover all interests. If your child is a competent reader or has read many of these titles then try the books from the Year 6 reading list.

Animals

Black Beauty - Anna Sewell
The Midnight Fox - Betsy Byars
The Hundred and One Dalmations - 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

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
Jiggy McCue series - Michael Lawrence
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 Tolkein
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 Dogsbody - 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
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
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

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