



## Suggested Reading for Year 5 and Year 6 Children

The following list is by no means exhaustive but represents a wide range of good quality literature that has been enjoyed by past and present Year 5 and 6 pupils.

Many of the books listed are challenging texts, but we have tried to include a range that will cover all reading abilities.

Some of the authors included on this list have often written a range of books—many of which would be recommended.

Year 5:

Blabbermouth by Morris Gleitzman  
The Diddakoi by Rumer Godden  
Stormbreaker by Anthony Horowitz  
Friend or Foe by Michael Morpurgo  
Mister Monday by Gareth Nix  
Aquila by Andrew Norris  
Harry and the Wrinkles by Alan Temperley  
Northen Lights by Philip Pullman  
A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens  
Dragon Rider by Cornelia Funke  
Journey to Jo'burg by Beverley Naidoo  
Journey to the River Sea by Eva Ibbotson  
The Owl Service by Alan Garner  
Pig Heart Boy by Malorie Blackman  
Tom's Midnight Garden by Philippa Pearce  
Watership Down by Richard Adams  
The Wizard of Earthsea by Ursula K Le Guin  
Wolves of Willoughby Chase by Joan Aiken  
Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls  
Little Women by Louisa May Alcott  
The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson-Burnett  
Artemis Fowl by Eoin Colfer  
The Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame  
Anne of Green Gables by LM Montgomery  
Black Beauty by Anna Sewell  
Holes by Louis Sachar

Year 6:

Carrie's War by Nina Bawden  
When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit by Judith Kerr  
The Diamond of Drury Lane by Julia Golding  
Framed by Frank Cottrell Boyce  
Homecoming by Cynthia Voight  
Noughts and Crosses by Malorie Blackman  
Private Peaceful by Michael Morpurgo  
Mortal Engines by Philip Reeve  
Clockwork by Philip Pullman  
Dragon Keeper by Carole Wilkinson  
Peter Pan by JM Barrie  
Wizard of Oz by F Baur  
Robinson Crusoe by Daniel Defoe  
Oliver Twist by Charles Dickens  
Jungle Book by Rudyard Kipling  
The Railway Children by E Nesbit  
Alex Rider series by Anthony Horowitz  
Boy Overboard by Ed. Otto H Frank  
Sabriel by Gareth Nix  
Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain

Children should aim to read texts from a variety of authors, styles and genres and include non-fiction and poetry in their reading. Above all, reading should be an enjoyable activity. Reading should also be supplemented with magazines and/or comics. All have their part to play in developing children as confident and enthusiastic readers.