

Suggested Reading List - Year 5

Our aim is to maintain or instil a love of reading in our children in the hope that the pleasure it gives will be a lifelong one. This suggested list of books is by no means exhaustive but represents a cross section of books and authors that will engage, excite, amuse and sometimes challenge Year 5 readers. A number of these books can be found at local libraries.

Good Reads

Ahlberg, Alan	My Brother's Ghost
Aiken, Joan	The Shadow Guest
Bawden, Nina	Carrie's War
	A Handful of Thieves
	The Peppermint Pig
Branford, Henrietta	Fire, Bed and Bone
Byars, Betsy	The Eighteenth Emergency
	The Midnight Fox
Carroll, Lewis	Alice's Adventures in Wonderland
Cooper, Susan	The Boggart
	Over Sea, Under Stone
Cowell, Cressida	How to Train your Dragon
Cresswell, Helen	The Watchers
Cross, Gillian	The Demon Headmaster
	Pictures in the Dark
Crossley-Holland, Kevin	Arthur series
Dahl, Roald	Going Solo
D'Lacy, Chris	Fly, Cherokee, Fly
Day-Lewis, Cecil	The Otterbury Incident
Diterizzi, Tony	The Spiderwick Chronicles
Doherty, Berlie	Spellhorn
Doyle, Roddy	Wilderness
Fine, Anne	Crummy Mummy and Me
	Goggle Eyes
Fisk, Nicolas	Grinny
Foreman, Michael	War Boy
	A Country Childhood

Gavin, Jamila	Danger by Moonlight
Gleitzman, Morris	Toad Rage
	Misery Guts
Holm, Anne	I am David
Ibbotson, Eva	The Secret of Platform 13
	Dial a Ghost
	Not Just a Witch
Jones, Diana-Wynne	Chrestomanci series
Jones, Terry	The Knight and the Squire
Juster, Norton	The Phantom Tollboth
King, Clive	Stig of the Dump
Laird, Elizabeth	Hiding Out
Lively, Penelope	The Ghost of Thomas Kemp
Magorian, Michelle	Goodnight Mister Tom
Mahy, Margaret	The Haunting
Mark, Jan	Thunder and Lightning
Morpurgo, Michael	The Sleeping Sword
	The Wreck of the Zanzibar
	Kensuke's Kingdom
Naughton, Bill	The Goalkeeper's Revenge
Nimmo, Jenni	Children of the Red King series
Norriss, Andrew	Aquila
	Matt's Millions
Norton, Mary	The Borrowers
Paolini, Christopher	Eragon
Pearce, Phillippa	The Shadow Cage and Other Tales
	Tom's Midnight Garden
Pilling, Ann	Henry's Leg
Pratchett, Terry	Jonny and the Bomb
Reid Banks, Lynne	The Indian in the Cupboard
Ridley, Philip	ZinderZunder
Russell, Christopher	Brind and the Dogs of War
Snicket, Lemony	An Unfortunate Series of Events
Stewart, Paul	The Edge Chronicles
Scieszka, Jon	Squids will be Squids: Fresh Morals, Beastly Fables
Westall, Robert	Kingdom by the Sea

Challenging Reads

The following list contains books that are more challenging, either for confident readers or to be read with/by an adult. All children, regardless of reading ability, should ideally be exposed to the richness of language and more sophisticated plotting and characterisation of these novels to foster their enjoyment of great stories and develop their reading and writing ability.

Alcock, Vivien	The Monster Garden
Almond, David	Skellig
Bawden, Nina	Off the Road
Blackman, Malorie	Pig Heart Boy
	Tell Me No Lies
Burgess, Melvin	The Earth Giant
Cooper, Susan	King of Shadows
Colfer, Eoin	Artemis Fowl (series)
Creech, Sharon	Ruby Holler
Cross, Gillian	New World
	On the Edge
Crossley-Holland, Kevin	The Seeing Stone
Dahl, Roald	Boy
Dalton, Annie	Night Maze
Ellis, Deborah	The Breadwinner
Ernest, Kate Elizabeth	Birds in the Wilderness
Fine, Anne	Flour Babies
Fisk, Nicholas	Mindbenders
Funke, Cornelia	The Thief Lord
Gates, Susan	Humanzee
Gavin, Jamila	Out of India
Gibbons, Alan	Shadow of the Minotaur
Horowitz, Anthony	Stormbreaker
Howarth, Lesley	Maphead 2
	Weather Eye
Ibbotson, Eva	Journey to the River Sea
Jarman, Julia	Hangman
Johnson, Pete	Traitor
Laird, Elizabeth	Kiss the Dust

Lewis C.S.	The Narnia Series
Le Guin, Ursula	The Wizard of East Sea
Macphail, Catherine	Tribes
McNish, Cliff	The Doomspell
Meade, Faulkner J.	Moonfleet
Naidoo, Beverley	No Turning Back
	The Other Side of Truth
Nicholson, William	The Wind Singer
Paver, Michelle	Soul Eater/ Wolf Brother Series
Pullman, Philip	Clockwork or All Wound Up
Reeve, Philip	Mortal Engines
Riordan, Rick	The Lightning Thief
Rowling, JK	The Harry Potter Series
Sedgewick, Marcus	Floodland
Shipton, Paul	The Mighty Stink
Stewart, Paul	Beyond the Deepwoods
	Stormchaser
Swindells, Robert	Inside the Worm
	Hydra
Tolkien, JRR	The Hobbit
Twain, Mark	Tom Sawyer