



Recommended Reading List – Year 5

This list is intended to be a guide to books suitable for children in Year 5. The list, covering a range of genres, is drawn from a number of sources including teachers own recommendations; the National Literacy Strategy's recommended texts; reading lists suggested by other schools and the National Literacy Trust's website. Some of the texts are more difficult to read than others and care should be taken when choosing those which your child might enjoy. Please discuss the book your child reads with him/her and remember it is important to keep reading to your child as they move through the school.

Janet & Allen Ahlberg	The Bear Nobody Wanted
	The Giant Baby
Joan Aiken	Go Saddle the Sea
	The Wolves of Willoughby Chase
Neil Arksey	MacB
Bernard Ashley	Break in the Sun
	Johnnie's Blitz
Steve Barlow	Goodknight! (with Steve Skidmore)
Nina Bawden	Granny the Pag
	The Peppermint Pig
James Berry	A Thief in the Village
	The Future-Telling Lady
Terence Blacker	The Transfer
Marjorie Blackman	Thief!
	A.N.T.LD.O.T.E.
	Pig Heart Boy
	Hacker
Martin Booth	War Dog
Henrietta Branford	Fire, Bed and Bone
Anthony Browne	King Kong
Linda Buckley-Archer	Gideon the Cutpurse
Melvin Burgess	The Ghost behind the Wall
	The Earth Giant
Juliet Sharman Burke	Stories From the Stars
Sheila Burnford	The Incredible Journey
Betsy Byars	The Eighteenth Emergency
	Midnight Fox
	The Cartoonist
Charles Causley	Figgy Hobbin
Aidan Chambers	Seal Secret
Andrew Clements	Frindle
Eoin Colfer	Artemis Fowl
	Benny and Omar
	The Wish List
Marita Conlon-McKenna	Under the Hawthorn Tree
	Wildflower Girl
Susan Cooper	King of Shadows
	The Boggart
	Over Sea, Under Stone
	The Dark is Rising Sequence
W J Corbett	The song of Pentecost

Helen Cresswell	The Bagthorpe Saga
Gillian Cross	Moondial
	New World
	The Demon Headmaster
Kevin Crossley Holland	The Great Elephant Chase
Roald Dahl	The Green Children
	Danny, Champion of the World
	The BFG
Lavinia Derwent	Sula
Anita Desai	The Village by the Sea
Kate Di Camillo	Because of Winn-Dixie
Charles Dickens	A Christmas Carol
Berlie Doherty	Children in Winter
Diane Duane	Young Wizards Series
Monica Edwards	Punchbowl Farm Stories
Patricia Elliott	The Ice Boy
Michael Ende	Momo
Penelope Farmer	Charlotte Sometimes
Josephine Feeney	My Family and Other Natural Disasters
Anne Fine	Flour Babies
	Goggle-Eyes
	Step By Wicked Step
	The Chicken Gave It to Me
	The Haunting of Pip Parker
Curdella Forbes	Flying with Icarus
Anne Frank	Anne Frank: the Diary of a Young Girl
Cornelia Funke	Dragon Rider
	The Thief Lord
Leon Garfield Smith	The God beneath the Sea (with Edward Blishen)
	The Stolen Watch
Alan Garner	The Stone Book Quartet
	Elidor
	The Owl Service
Eve Garnett	The Family from One End Street
Morris Gleitzman	Boy Overboard
	The Other Facts of Life
	Two Weeks with the Queen
Rumer Goden	The Diddakoi
Kenneth Grahame	The Wind in the Willows
Grace Hallworth	Mouth Open, Story Jump Out
Salina Hastings	Sir Gawain and the Green Knight
Russell Hoban	Dinner at Alberta's
	The Mouse and his Child
Frances Hodgson Burnett	The Secret Garden
Michael Hoeye	Time Stops for No Mouse
Anthony Horowitz	Stormbreaker
Lesley Howarth	Maphead
Ted Hughes	How the Whale Became
	The Iron Man
	The Iron Woman
Pat Hutchins	Follow That Bus
	The Curse of the Egyptian Mummy
Eva Ibbotson	Journey to the River Sea
	The Secret of Platform 13
	The Secret Platform
Roberto Innocenti	Rose Blanche
Brian Jacques	Redwall
Madhur Jaffrey	Seasons of Splendour
Tove Jansson	Finn Family Moomintroll
Susan Jeffers	Brother Eagle, Sister Sky
Mark Jefferson	Hurricane Hamish, the Calypso Cricketer
Terry Jones	The Knight and the Squire

Norton Juster	Erik the Viking
M. M. Kaye	Fairy Tales
Carolyn Keene	The Phantom Tollbooth
Gene Kemp	The Ordinary Princess
Judith Kerr	Nancy Drew Files
Dick King-Smith	The Turbulent Term of Tyke Tyler
	When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit
	Godhanger
	Lady Daisy
Rudyard Kipling	Just So Stories
Madeleine L'Engle	A Wrinkle In Time
Andrew Lang	Tales of Troy and Greece
Ursula Le Guin	The Earthsea Quartet
Sian Lewis	Project Kite
	Penelope Lively
	A Stitch in Time
	The Revenge of Samuel Stokes
	A House Inside Out
Lois Lowry	Anastasia Krupnik
Henry Wadsworth	Longfellow and Susan
	Jeffers
	Hiawatha
Margaret Mahy	The Greatest Show Off Earth
	The Pirates' Mixed-Up Voyage
Jan Mark	Nothing to be Afraid of
	The Lady with Iron Bones
	Thunder and Lightnings
	The Eclipse of the Century
James Vance	Marshall Walkabout
William Mayne	A Grass Rope
	A Swarm in May
Alexander McCall Smith	Bursting Balloons Mystery
Geraldine McCaughrean	Gold Dust
	Plundering Paradise
	A Little Lower Than the Angels
Ian McEwan	The Daydreamer
Hilary McKay	Saffy's Angel
	The Exiles
Robin McKinley	Beauty
Michael Molloy	The Witch Trade
Michael Morpurgo	The War of Jenkins' Ear
	War Horse
	Arthur High King of Britain
	The Wreck of the Zanzibar
	Why the Whales Came
Terry Nation	Rebecca's World
Judith Nicholls	Earthways Earthwise
Jenny Nimmo	Midnight for Charlie Bone
	Snow Spider
Andrew Norris	Matt's Millions
Mary Norton	Bedknob and Broomstick
	The Borrowers
Alfred Noyes	The Highwayman
Robert C O'Brien	Mrs Frisby and the Rats of Nimh
Katherine Paterson	Bridge To Terabithia
	The Great Gilly Hopkins
Jill Paton	Walsh Gaffer Samson's Luck
Tamora Pierce	The Song of the Lioness Series
Ann Piling	Mother's Daily Scream
Terry Pratchett	The Amazing Maurice and His Educated Rodents
	The Johnny Maxwell Trilogy
	Truckers

Philip Pullman	Clockwork or All Wound up The Firework Makers Daughter The Ruby in the Smoke The Wonderful Story of Aladdin and the Enchanted Lynne Reid Banks The Farthest-Away Mountain The Indian in the Cupboard
Philip Ridley	Dakota of the White Flats Krindlekrax
Michael Rosen	South and North, East and West
J.K. Rowling	Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone
Jacqueline Roy	A Daughter Like Me
Salman Rushdie	Haroun and the Sea of Stories
Louis Sachar	The Boy who Lost his Face There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom
George Selden	A Cricket in Times Square
Ian Serrailier	The Silver Sword
Anna Sewell	Black Beauty
Alan Snow	How Dogs Really Work
Jerry Spinelli	Loser
Russell Stannard	The Time and Space of Uncle Albert
Catherine Storr	Marianne Dreams
Noel Streatfield	Ballet Shoes
Rosemary Sutcliff	Beowulf: Dragonslayer Black Ships before Troy The Eagle of the Ninth The Capricorn Bracelet
Robert Swindells	Voyage to Valhalla
Alan Temperley	Harry and the Wrinklies
Geoffrey Trease	Cue For Treason
Ann Turnbull	Pigeon Summer
Alison Uttley	A Traveller in Time
A Rutgers van der Loeff	Children On the Oregon Trail
Sylvia Waugh	The Mennymys
Robert Westall	Blitz Cat Kingdom by the Sea
E. White	Charlotte's Web
Oscar Wilde	Stories for Children
Jacqueline Wilson	Double Act The Bed and Breakfast Star The Illustrated Mum The Story of Tracy Beaker The Lottie Project
Bob Wilson Stanley	Bagshaw and the Twenty-two Ton Whale
Diana Wynne Jones	A Tale of Time City Dogsbody The Worlds of Chresto