



Year 5 Suggested Reading List

Our aim is to develop children's love of reading. This list provides a range of genres and difficulties, towards the end of the list are suggested books relating to topics studied in year 5.

Fiction

[The Wolves of Willoughby Chase](#) by Joan Aiken
[Who Let The God's Out](#) by Maz Evans
[Sky Song](#) by Abi Elphinstone
[The Nowhere Emporium](#) by Ross MacKenzie
[King Kong](#) by Anthony Browne
[The Boy at the Back of the Class](#) by Onjali Raif
[The Secret Garden](#) by Frances Hodgson Burnett
[Brightstorm](#) by Vashti Hardy
[Roller Girl](#) by Victoria Jamieson
[The White Giraffe](#) by Lauren St John
[Cookie & The Most Annoying Boy in the World](#) by Konnie Huq
[Varmints](#) by Helen Ward
[The Storm Keeper's Island](#) by Catherine Doyle
[A Polar Bear Explorers' Club](#) by Alex Bell
[The Infinite Lives of Maisie Day](#) by Christopher Edge
[Black Powder](#) by Ally Sherrick
[Harry Potter Series](#) by JK Rowling
[Kid Normal](#) by Greg James & Chris Smith
[The Rainmaker Danced](#) by John Agard
[Clockwork \(or All Wound Up\)](#) by Philip Pullman
[Iguana Boy Saves The World](#) by James Bishop
[The Silver Sword](#) by Ian Serraillier
[The Fastest Boy In The World](#) by Elizabeth Laird
[Mold & The Poison Plot](#) by Lorraine Gregory
[Room 13](#) by Robert Swindells
[The Lost Thing](#) by Shaun Tan
[The Secret of Platform 13](#) by Eva Ibbotson
[Secrets of a Sun King](#) by Emma Carroll
[Moth: An Evolution Story](#) by Isobel Thomas
[Ella On The Outside](#) by Cath Howe
[Bloom](#) by Nicola Skinner
[Blackberry Blue & Other Fairy Tales](#) by Jamila Gavin
[Gaslight](#) by Eloise Williams
[Armistice Runner](#) by Tom Palmer
[Taylor Amber: Time Agent](#) by Bowwayne
[Molly Moon & The Morphing Mystery](#) by Georgia Byng
[Joey Pigza Swallowed The Key](#) by Jack Gantos
[Jiggy McCue series](#) by Michael Lawrence
[The Uncommoners series](#) by Jennifer Bell
[A.N.T.I.D.O.T.E](#) by Malorie Blackman
[Thief](#) by Malorie Blackman
[Jimmy Coates Sabotage](#) by Joe Craig
[Diamond Brothers series](#) by Anthony Horowitz
[The Baker Street Boys series](#) by Anthony Read
[Death & the Arrow](#) by Chris Priestly
[The Boggart](#) by Susan Cooper
[Dogsbody](#) by Diana Wynne Jones



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A Tale Of Time City by Diana Wynne Jones
Skulduggery Pleasant series by Derek Landy
The Magician's House Quartet by William Corlett
Dial A Ghost by Eva Ibbotson
The Ghost Of Thomas Kempe by Penelope Lively
A Stitch In Time by Penelope Lively
The Rover Adventures by Roddy Doyle
The Dreamseeker Trilogy by Jenny Oldfield
Angels Unlimited by Annie Dalton
The Bagthorpe Saga by Helena Cresswell
2 Weeks With The Queen by Morris Gleitzman
The Exiles by Hilary Mackay
Becky Bananas by Jean Ure
An Angel for May by Melvin Burgess
Dr Who Stories by Various Authors
Jamie Johnson series by Dan Friedman
Charm School by Anne Fine
Thunder & Lightning by Jan Mark
The Rescuers by Margery Sharp
The Mennymys by Sylvia Waugh
The Katy Chronicles by Susan Coolidge
Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Graham
Pollyanna by E Porter
Caldicott Place by Noel Streatfield
Little Lord Fauntleroy by Frances Hodgson Burnett
Anne of Green Gables by LM Montgomery
The Railway Children by E Nesbit
Swallows & Amazon by Arthur Ransome
The Adventures of Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain
Watership Down by Richard Adams
Charlotte Sometimes by Penelope Farmer
Little House on the Prairie by Laura Ingalls Wilder
Tarka the Otter by Henry Williamson
Village By The Sea by Anita Desai

Poetry

Werewolf Club Rules by Joseph Coelho
Happy Poems by Roger McGough
Silly verses for kids by Spike Milligan
Funky Chickens by Benjamin Zephaniah

Non-fiction

Everest by Sangma Francis
The Bacteria Book by Steve Mould
A Galaxy of Her Own: Amazing Stories of Women in Space by Libby Jackson
How does a Lighthouse work? by Roman Belyaev
What a waste by Jess French
The Variety Of Life by Nicola Davies



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History: Anglo Saxons (including non-fiction and fiction) Autumn Term

[Beowulf \(Usborne\)](#) by Rob Lloyd Jones
[Beowulf](#) by Michael Morpurgo
[King Arthur & The Knights Of The Round Table](#) by Marcia Williams
[Illustrated Tales of King Arthur](#) by Sarah Courtauld
[The Buried Crown](#) by Ally Sherrick
[How To Be An Anglo-Saxon in 13 Easy Steps](#) by Scoular Anderson
[Anglo-Saxon Boy](#) by Tony Bradman
[The King Who Threw Away His Throne](#) by Terry Deary
[Freedom for Bron: The Boy Who Saved A Kingdom](#) by NS Blackman
[Men, Women & Children in Anglo-Saxon Times](#) by Jane Bingham
[Alfred The Great & The Anglo Saxons](#) by David Gill
[You Wouldn't Want To Be An Anglo-Saxon Peasant!](#) by Jacqueline Morely

History: Vikings (including non-fiction and fiction) Autumn Term

[The Saga of Erik The Viking](#) by Terry Jones
[Viking Boy](#) by Tony Bradman
[Arthur & The Golden Rope](#) by Joe Todd Stanton
[The Dragon's Hoard: Stories from the Viking Sagas](#) by Lari Don
[Defenders: Killing Ground](#) by Tom Palmer
[Odd & the Frost Giants](#) by Neil Gaiman
[The Time-Travelling Cat & The Viking Terror](#) by Julia Jarman
[Viking Longship](#) by Mick Manning & Brita Granstrom
[Vikings in 30 Seconds](#) by Philip Steele
[How To Train Your Dragon](#) by Cressida Cowell
[Who Were The Vikings?](#) By Jane Chisholm, Struan Reid & David Cuzik
[100 Facts: Vikings](#) by Fiona MacDonald & Rupert Matthews

History: The Ancient Maya (including non-fiction and fiction) Spring Term

[The Chocolate Tree: A Mayan Folktale](#) by Linda Lowery
[The Great Kapok Tree](#) by Lynne Cherry
[The Hero Twins: Against the Lords of Death \(A Mayan Myth\)](#) by Dan Jolley
[Rain Player](#) by David Wisniewski
[Middleworld \(Jaguar Stones\)](#) by J&P Voelkel
[The Corn Grows Ripe](#) by Dorothy Rhoads
[Avoid Being A Mayan Soothsayer \(Danger Zone\)](#) by Rupert Matthews
[The History Detective Investigates: Mayan Civilization](#) by Clare Hibbert
[Mayan Civilisation \(Explored\)](#) by Izzy Howell
[Ancient Maya \(the Ancient World\)](#) by Barbara A Somervil

Year 3 – 6 Geography

[100 Facts: Planet Earth](#) by Dianne Hutts & Sylvia Long
[Volcanoes & Earthquakes](#) by Kathy Furgang
[Destination Planet Earth](#) by Jo Nelson & Tom Clohosy Cole
[Under Earth, Under Water](#) by Aleksandra Mizielinski & Daniel Mizielinski



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Geography: Water Cycle & Rivers (including non-fiction and fiction) Spring & Summer Term

[Song of the Dolphin Boy](#) by Elizabeth Laird

[Why Water's Worth It](#) by Lori Harrison

[Floodland](#) by Marcus Sedgwick

[A River](#) by Marc Martin

[The Rhythm of the Rain](#) by Grahame Baker-Smith

[The Drop In My Drink: The Story Of Water On Our Planet](#) by Meredith Hooper

[River Story](#) by Meredith Hooper

Science: Space (including non-fiction and fiction) Spring Term

[The Skies Above My Eyes](#) by Charlotte Guillain & Yuval Zommer

[George's Secret Key To The Universe](#) by Lucy & Stephen Hawking

[Where Once We Stood](#) by Christopher Riley

[The International Space Station](#) by Clive Gifford

[Professor Astro Cat's Solar System](#) by Ben Newman

[A Maths Journey Through Space](#) by Anne Rooney

[Look Inside: Space](#) by Rob Lloyd

Year 3 - 6 Science: Animals

[The Variety Of Life](#) by Nicola Davies

[Creature Features](#) by Natasha Durley

[Books of Bones: 10 Record-Breaking Animals](#) by Gabrielle Balkan

[Disappearing Acts: A Search & Find Book of Endangered Animals](#) by Isabella Bunnell

[Life-Sized Animal Tracks](#) by John Townsend

[Habitats \(Science Skills Sorted!\)](#) by Anna Claybourne

[Mad About Monkeys](#) by Owen Davey

[Actual Size](#) by Steve Jenkins

[Animal Architects: Amazing Animals Who Build Their Homes](#) by Julio Antonio Blasco

[Migration](#) by Mike Unwin

[World's Deadliest Animals](#) by Matt Roper

Year 3 - 6 Science: Humans

[What's Eating You?](#) by Nicola Davies

[A Journey Through The Digestive System](#) by Emily Sohn

[Life On Earth: Human Body](#) by Heather Alexander

[Body: The Ultimate Guide](#) by Dr Kristina Routh

[Your Breathtaking Lungs & Rocking Respiratory System](#) by Paul Mason

[See Inside Your Body](#) by Katie Daynes