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 Bowvayne
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
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 Mennyms 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
The Girl of Ink & Stars by Kiran Millwood Hargrave
The Nowhere Emporium by Ross Mckenzie
Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan
Who let the Gods Out? By Maz Evans
When The Sky Falls by Phil Earle

The Midnight Guardians by Ross Montgomery
The Journey to the River by Eva Ibbotson

Poetry

Werewolf Club Rules by Joseph Coelho
Happy Poems by Roger McGough
Silly verses for kids by Spike Milligan
Funky Chickens by Benjamin Zephaniah
Recipe for My Perfect Teacher by Joseph Coelho
I Am a Writer by Joseph Coelho
Granny Is by Valerie Bloom
Homework on the Toilet by Valerie Bloom
No Problem by Valerie Bloom
Talking Turkeys by Benjamin Zephaniah

Non-fiction

Everest by Sangma Francis (Flying Eye Books, ISBN: 9781911171430)
The Bacteria Book by Steve Mould (DK Children, ISBN: 9780241316580)
A Galaxy of Her Own: Amazing Stories of Women in Space by Libby Jackson (Century, ISBN: 9781780898360)
How does a Lighthouse work? by Roman Belyaev (Templar Publishing, ISBN: 9781787413467)
What a Waste by Jess French (DK Children, ISBN: 9780241387726)
The Variety of Life by Nicola Davies (Candlewick Press, ISBN: 9780763635534)

Maths

The Number Devil by Hans Magnus Enzensberger (Pushkin Children's Books, ISBN: 9781902854557)
Murderous Maths by Kjartan Poskitt (Scholastic, ISBN: 9781407103464)
Sir Cumference and the Dragon of Pi by Cindy Neuschwander (Charlesbridge Publishing, ISBN: 9781570911668)
Blockhead: The Life of Fibonacci by Joseph D'Agnese (Square Fish, ISBN: 9780312377434)
Maths Quest: The Amazing Arcathlon by David Glover (A & C Black, ISBN: 9780713676952)

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

Beowulf (Usborne) by Rob Lloyd Jones (Usborne Publishing, ISBN: 9780746086896)
Beowulf by Michael Morpurgo (Walker Books, ISBN: 9781406319309)
King Arthur & The Knights Of The Round Table by Marcia Williams (Walker Books, ISBN: 9781406303483)
Illustrated Tales of King Arthur by Sarah Courtauld (Usborne Publishing, ISBN: 9780746080641)
The Buried Crown by Ally Sherrick (Chicken House, ISBN: 9781910655238)
How To Be An Anglo-Saxon in 13 Easy Steps by Scoular Anderson (Piccadilly Press, ISBN: 9781848122024)
Anglo-Saxon Boy by Tony Bradman (Walker Books, ISBN: 9781406315448)
The King Who Threw Away His Throne by Terry Deary (Bloomsbury Education, ISBN: 9781472955180)
Freedom for Bron: The Boy Who Saved a Kingdom by NS Blackman (Troika Books, ISBN:

9781909991347)
Men, Women & Children in Anglo-Saxon Times by Jane Bingham (Usborne Publishing, ISBN: 9780746062784)
Alfred The Great & The Anglo Saxons by David Gill (Hodder Wayland, ISBN: 9780750289696)
You Wouldn't Want To Be An Anglo-Saxon Peasant! by Jacqueline Morley (Franklin Watts, ISBN: 9780531147795)

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

The Saga of Erik the Viking by Terry Jones (Puffin Books, ISBN: 9780140345186)
Viking Boy by Tony Bradman (Walker Books, ISBN: 9781406333954)
Arthur & The Golden Rope by Joe Todd Stanton (Flying Eye Books, ISBN: 9781909263796)
The Dragon's Hoard: Stories from the Viking Sagas by Lari Don (Floris Books, ISBN: 9781782503897)
Defenders: Killing Ground by Tom Palmer (Barrington Stoke, ISBN: 9781781124109)
Odd & the Frost Giants by Neil Gaiman (Bloomsbury, ISBN: 9780747599876)
The Time-Travelling Cat & The Viking Terror by Julia Jarman (Andersen Press, ISBN: 9781849393867)
Viking Longship by Mick Manning & Brita Granstrom (Frances Lincoln Children's Books, ISBN: 9781847800466)
Vikings in 30 Seconds by Philip Steele (Ivy Press, ISBN: 9781782401984)
How To Train Your Dragon by Cressida Cowell (Hodder Children's Books, ISBN: 9780340999073)
Who Were The Vikings? by Jane Chisholm, Struan Reid & David Cuzik (Usborne Publishing, ISBN: 9780746085738)
100 Facts: Vikings by Fiona MacDonald & Rupert Matthews (Miles Kelly Publishing, ISBN: 9781842363850)

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

The Chocolate Tree: A Mayan Folktale by Linda Lowery and Richard Keep (First Avenue Editions, ISBN: 9781580138512)
The Great Kapok Tree by Lynne Cherry (Clarion Books, ISBN: 9780152005207)
The River by Valerie Bloom (Macmillan Children's Books, ISBN: 9780330398015)
Rain Player by David Wisniewski (Clarion Books, ISBN: 9780395720875)
Middleworld by J&P Voelkel (Egmont, ISBN: 9781405253185)
The Corn Grows Ripe by Dorothy Rhoads (Puffin Books, ISBN: 9780140315264)
Avoid Being a Maya Priest! by Rupert Matthews (Book House, ISBN: 9781905638161)
The History Detectives: Mayan Civilization by Clare Hibbert (TickTock Books, ISBN: 9781846967733)
Mayan Civilization by Izzi Howell (Franklin Watts, ISBN: 9781445155760)
Ancient Maya (Life in the Ancient World) by Fiona Macdonald (Oxford University Press, ISBN: 9780195214079)

History: Local Area – Notting Hill over the last 150 years (including non-fiction and fiction) Summer Term

A Kid in London by Jenny Jacoby (DK Children, ISBN: 9780241319833)
The Great Fire of London by Emma Adams (Hachette Children's, ISBN: 9781445151120)
My Name is Not Refugee by Kate Milner (Barrington Stoke, ISBN: 9781781128534)
Coming to England by Floella Benjamin (Macmillan Children's Books, ISBN: 9781529045444)
Windrush Child by Benjamin Zephaniah (Scholastic, ISBN: 9780702302725)

Young, Gifted and Black by Jamia Wilson (Wide Eyed Editions, ISBN: 9781786031587)

Geography: Local Area - London (including non-fiction and fiction) Autumn

Maps by Aleksandra and Daniel Mizieliński (Big Picture Press, ISBN: 9781848773011)
The Street Beneath My Feet by Charlotte Guillain (Words & Pictures, ISBN: 9781910277140)
This Is Britain by Miroslav Šašek (Universe Publishing, ISBN: 9780789310637)
Wonderous British Birds by Michael Morpurgo (Two Hoots, ISBN: 9781529082586)

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

Song of the Dolphin Boy by Elizabeth Laird (Macmillan Children's Books, ISBN: 9780330517966)
Why Water's Worth It by Lori Harrison (Orca Book Publishers, ISBN: 9781459823013)
Floodland by Marcus Sedgwick (Orion Children's Books, ISBN: 9781842552421)
A River by Marc Martin (Big Picture Press, ISBN: 9781783704330)
The Rhythm of the Rain by Grahame Baker-Smith (Templar Publishing, ISBN: 9781787411593)
The Drop In My Drink: The Story Of Water On Our Planet by Meredith Hooper (Frances Lincoln Children's Books, ISBN: 9781847809780)
River Story by Meredith Hooper (Frances Lincoln Children's Books, ISBN: 9780711219397)

Geography: Sustainable Tourism (including non-fiction and fiction) Summer

Everest by Sangma Francis (Wide Eyed Editions, ISBN: 9780711246942)
Race to the Frozen North by Catherine Johnson (Pushkin Children's, ISBN: 9781782691877)
Survivors by David Long (Faber & Faber, ISBN: 9780571358656)
Ice Palace by Robert Swindells (Penguin, ISBN: 9780140347548)

Science: Life Cycles (including non-fiction and fiction) — Autumn Term

Life Cycles by DK & Sam Falconer (DK Children, 9780241410998)
Foxton Primary Science: Life Cycles and Reproduction by Nichola Tyrrell (Foxton Books, 9781839250101)
Life Cycles: Egg to Butterfly by Rachel Tonkin & Stephanie Fizer Coleman (Wayland, 9781526310224)
Life Cycles: From Tadpole to Frog by Rachel Tonkin & Stephanie Fizer Coleman (Wayland, 9781526310248)
Disgusting Science: Revolting Life Cycles by Barbara Taylor & Lee Cosgrove (Wayland, 9781526327673)
The Variety of Life by Nicola Davies & Lorna Scobie (Hodder Children's Books, 9781444948202)

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

The Skies Above My Eyes by Charlotte Guillain & Yuval Zommer (Words & Pictures, 9781910277683)
George's Secret Key to the Universe by Lucy & Stephen Hawking (Corgi Children's Books, 9780552559584)
Where Once We Stood by Christopher Riley & Martin Impey (Harbour Moon Publishing, 9781916062511)
The International Space Station by Clive Gifford (Franklin Watts, 9781445156866)
Professor Astro Cat's Solar System by Dominic Walliman & Ben Newman (Flying Eye Books, 9781909263321)
A Maths Journey Through Space by Anne Rooney (Wayland, 9781526313768)

Look Inside: Space by Rob Lloyd Jones (Usborne Publishing, 9781409523383)

Science: Chemical Reactions (including non-fiction and fiction) — Summer Term

Basher Science: Chemistry — Getting a Big Reaction by Dan Green & Simon Basher (Kingfisher, 9780753480656)

Chemical Reactions!: With 25 Science Projects for Kids by Dr Susan Berk Koch & Tom Casteel (Nomad Press, 9781619309449)

Chemistry for Curious Kids by Lynn Huggins-Cooper (Arcturus Publishing, 9781839408274)

Foxton Primary Science: Properties and Changes of Materials by Nichola Tyrrell (Foxton Books, 9781839250170)

Understanding Science: Changing Materials by Penny Johnson (Schofield & Sims, 9780721712888)

George's Marvellous Medicine by Roald Dahl & Quentin Blake (Puffin Books, 9780141365503)

Religious Education: Christianity and Judaism

The Lion Storyteller Bible by Bob Hartman (Lion Children's Books, ISBN: 9780745949109)

Who Was Jesus? by Rob Lloyd Jones (Usborne, ISBN: 9780746078150)

My First Jewish Festivals by Tomie dePaola (Puffin, ISBN: 9780823412785)

The Story of Hanukkah by David A. Adler (Holiday House, ISBN: 9780823413379)

The Christmas Miracle of Jonathan Toomey by Susan Wojciechowski (Walker Books, ISBN: 9781406318406)

Reasoning and Problem Solving

The Mensa Puzzle Book for Kids by Dr Gareth Moore (Buster Books, ISBN: 9781780556635)

Collins 11+ Verbal Reasoning by Collins Easy Learning (Collins, ISBN: 9780008358587)

Collins 11+ Non-Verbal Reasoning by Collins Easy Learning (Collins, ISBN: 9780008358594)

Music

The Sound of Silence by Katrina Goldsaito (Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, ISBN 9780316203371)

Ada Twist, Scientist by Andrea Beaty (Abrams Books for Young Readers, ISBN 9781419721373)

The Very Interesting Life of J. S. Bach by Judy Naillon (The Salariya Book Company, ISBN 9781910706381)

French

Asterix the Gaul by René Goscinny & Albert Uderzo (Hachette Children's Group, ISBN 9780752866000)

Louis Pasteur and Pasteurization by Barbara Lowell (Enslow Publishing, ISBN 9780766037656)

Antoine de Saint-Exupéry (Little People, BIG DREAMS) by María Isabel Sánchez Vegara & Martin Le Lapin (Frances Lincoln Children's Books, ISBN 9780711292055)

Physical Education

Rugby Academy by Tom Palmer (Barrington Stoke, ISBN 9781781125168)

Olympic Sports by Glenn Murphy (Wayland, ISBN 9780750281737)

Action Replay: The 25 Greatest Moments in Sport by Adam Skinner and Mai Ly Degnan (Wide Eyed Editions, ISBN 9780711266834)

Art

Monet and the Impressionists by Laurence Anholt (Barron's Educational Series, ISBN 978-0711225198)

Katie Meets the Impressionists by James Mayhew (Orchard Books, ISBN 978-1846165090)

The Life of L.S. Lowry by Michael Howard (The Lowry, ISBN 978-1912520341)

Henry Moore (First Concepts with Fine Artists) by Susie Brooks (Tate Publishing, ISBN 978-1849766560)

The Usborne Art Treasury by Rosie Dickins (Usborne Publishing, ISBN 978-1409566340)

A Child's Introduction to Art by Heather Alexander (Black Dog & Leventhal Publishers, ISBN 978-1579129444)

Drama

Physical Theatre: A Practical Introduction by Simon Murray and John Keefe (Routledge, ISBN 9780415487924)

Movie Making Course for Kids by Marcello Di Cintio (Chicago Review Press, ISBN 9781613730508)

The Arrival by Shaun Tan (Hodder Children's Books, ISBN 9780734415868)