



## Recommended Reading List for 5<sup>th</sup> Class

The following books are recommended for 5th Class students to read and enjoy during the summer holidays and on into the academic year. They have been chosen from a number of different genres to cater for different children's tastes. Remember your local library is well stocked with children's literature and it is possible to order a specific book if it is not on the shelf. Let your children see you reading, engaging with books and enjoying your own reading. "Crossover Books" (children's books which are also read and enjoyed by adults) like Northern Lights, by Philip Pullman and Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone by JK Rowling have shown that adults enjoy reading children's books too.

- Holes by Louis Sachar
- The Magician's Elephant by Kate di Camillo
- Time after Time by Judi Curtin
- Skulduggery Pleasant (series) by Derek Landy
- The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett

If you would like to read more please see the list below.

If you like **DANCING and ACTING** try these ...

Bright Lights - Linda Chapman  
Centre Stage - Linda Chapman  
Gorgeous - Cora Harrison  
Fame School (Series) - Cindy Jefferies  
Ballet Shoes – Noel Streatfield  
Dancing Shoes – Noel Streatfield

If you like books about **FRIENDS or SCHOOL** try these ...

Stargirl - Jerry Spinelli  
Pish Posh - Ellen Potter  
Olivia Kidney (Series) Ellen Potter  
The Penderwicks (Series) - Jeanne Birdsall  
Wonder – R.J. Palacio  
Auggie & Me – R.J. Palacio  
Love Lucie – Marita Conlon-McKenna  
How to Survive Summer Camp - Jacqueline Wilson  
The Lottie Project - Jacqueline Wilson  
The Suitcase Kid - Jacqueline Wilson  
Candyfloss - Jacqueline Wilson

**(Note: Jacqueline Wilson writes for a wide age group, including teenagers, and the content of some of her other books may not be suitable for your child)**

If you like **ANIMALS and HORSES** try these ...

Run to the Wild Wood (Series) - Tom McCaughren  
One Dog and His Boy – Eva Ibbotson  
Watership Down – Richard Adams  
National Velvet – Enid Bagnold  
Black Beauty – Anna Sewell  
Heartland (Series) - Lauren Brooke  
Phantom Stallion - Terri Farley  
Chestnut Hill (series) – Lauren Brooke  
The Pony Whisperer – Janet Rising

If you like **A GOOD LAUGH** try these ...

Horrible Histories (Series) – Terry Deary  
Granny - Anthony Horowitz  
Which Witch? - Eva Ibbotson  
The Beasts of Clawstone Castle - Eva Ibbotson  
Toonhead - Fiona Dunbar  
Millions – Frank Cottrell Boyce  
Howl's Moving Castle (Series) - Diana Wynne Jones  
Awful Auntie (and other titles) – David Walliams  
Diary of a Wimpy Kid (series) – Jeff Kinney

The Brilliant World of Tom Gates (series) – L. Pichon

If you like **A GOOD SCARE** try these ...

Goosebumps (Series) - R.L.Stine  
A Series of Unfortunate Events (Series) - Lemony Snicket  
Darren Shan (Series) - Darren Shan  
Uncle Montague's Tales of Terror (Series) - Chris Priestley  
The Graveyard Book - Neil Gaiman  
Coraline - Neil Gaiman  
Barnaby Rimes (Series) - Paul Stewart / Chris Riddell  
Skulduggery Pleasant (Series) - Derek Landy  
The Children of Green Knowe (Series) - Lucy M. Boston

If you like **MAGIC** try these ...

Harry Potter (Series) - J.K.Rowling  
Inkheart (Series) - Cornelia Funke  
The Witches - Roald Dahl  
Rose (Series) - Holly Webb  
The 13 Treasures (Series) - Michelle Harrison  
I, Coriander - Sally Gardner  
The Fire Thief (Series) - Terry Deary  
My Sister the Vampire (Series) - Sienna Mercer  
The Spook's Apprentice (Series) - Joseph Delaney  
The Thief Lord - Cornelia Funke  
Skellig - David Almond

If you like **ADVENTURE** try these ...

Stormbreaker (Alex Rider Series) - Anthony Horowitz  
Conspiracy 365 (Series) - Gabrielle Lord  
Molly Moon (Series) - Georgia Byng  
Barnaby Rimes (Series) - Paul Stewart / Chris Riddell  
H.I.V.E. (Series) - Mark Walden  
Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief (Series) - Rick Riordan  
The Spook's Apprentice (series) – Joseph Delaney  
Pink Chameleon (Silk Sisters series) – Fiona Dunbar

If you like **MYSTERY / DETECTIVE** stories, try these ...

The Mysterious Benedict Society - Trenton Lee Stewart  
Chasing Vermeer - Blue Balliett  
Invisible City (Series) - M.G. Harris  
The Sisters Grimm (Series) - Michael Buckley

The Thieves of Ostia (The Roman Mysteries Series) - Caroline Lawrence  
Katie Milk (Series) - Annie Caulfield  
The Diamond of Drury Lane (Series) - Julia Golding  
Walk Two Moons - Sharon Creech  
The London Eye Mystery - Siobhan Dowd  
The Guggenheim Mystery – Robin Stevens  
Murder Most Unladylike (series) – Robin Stevens

If you like **HISTORY and WARTIME** stories try these ...

Rosie's Quest (Series) - Ann Carroll  
The Red Necklace (Book 1) - Sally Gardner  
The Silver Blade (Book 2) - Sally Gardner  
Amelia (Series) - Siobhan Parkinson  
Chinese Cinderella - Adeline Yen Mah  
Private Peaceful - Michael Morpurgo  
War Horse - Michael Morpurgo  
The Amazing Story of Adolphus Tips - Michael Morpurgo  
Hitler's Canary - Sandi Toksvig  
Safe Harbour - Marita Conlon-McKenna  
Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry - Mildred D. Taylor  
Once (Series) - Morris Gleitzman  
Letters from the Lighthouse – Emma Carroll

If you like **POETRY** try these ...

Something Beginning with P - O'Brien Press (Publisher)  
The Puffin Book of Utterly Brilliant Poetry - Brian Patten (editor)  
Revolting Rhymes - Roald Dahl  
Read Me and Laugh - Gaby Morgan (Editor)  
A Child's Garden of Verses - Robert Louis Stevenson  
The Truth about Parents - MacMillan Children's Books  
The Truth about Teachers - MacMillan Children's Books

If you like **Classics** try these.....

Little Women - Louisa May Alcott  
The Secret Garden - Frances Hodgson Burnett  
Mary Poppins – P.L. Travers  
Alice's Adventures in Wonderland – Lewis Carroll  
The Wizard Of Oz – L. Frank Baum  
The Borrowers – Mary Norton  
Four Children and It – E. Nesbit  
Pollyanna – Eleanor H. Porter  
Chronicles of Narnia (series) – C. S. Lewis