

Recommended Reading List for 5th 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.

* Letters from the Lighthouse by Emma Carroll
* Why the Whales Came by Michael Morpurgo
* Murder Most Unladylike (series) by Robin Stevens
* Millions by Frank Cottrell Boyce
* The Borrowers by Mary Norton

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 Grimes (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 Grimes (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