



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 genres to cater for different children's tastes. 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.

- The Explorer by Katherine Rundell
- What not to do if you turn Invisible by Ross Welford
- The Distance Between Me and The Cherry Tree by Paola Peretti
- Dancing the Charleston by Jacqueline Wilson
- Goodnight Mister Tom by Michelle Magorian

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
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
Shadow – Michael Morpurgo
The Dancing Bear – Michael Morpurgo
The Nine Lives of Montezuma – Michael Morpurgo

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 Rime (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 Thief Lord - Cornelia Funke
Skellig - David Almond
Time Travelling with a Hamster – Ross Welford
In Darkling Wood – Emma Carroll

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

Stormbreaker (Alex Rider Series) - Anthony Horowitz
Molly Moon (Series) - Georgia Byng
Barnaby Rime (Series) - Paul Stewart / Chris Riddell
Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief (Series) - Rick Riordan
Pink Chameleon (Silk Sisters series) – Fiona Dunbar
Why the Whales Came – Michael Morpurgo
The Explorer – Katherine Rundell
The Wolf Wilder – Katherine Rundell

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
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)
Revolt 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