

**Recommended Reading List - Year 5/6**

Below is a list of recommended texts for year 5/6 children that cover a range of interests.

This is not an exhaustive list but a selection of texts from different genres.

If you read a good book and would like to recommend it to others then let me know and I can add it to the list!

Mr Jardine

**Animals**

• Black Beauty - Anna Sewell

• The Midnight Fox - Betsy Byars

• The Hundred and One Dalmations - Dodie Smith

• The Marble Crusher - Michael Morpurgo

• Wild Lives series - Nick Arnold

• Sandy Lane Stables - Michelle Bates

• The Rover Adventures - Roddy Doyle

• Tooth and Claw - Stephen Moore

• Mrs Frisby and The Rats of Nihm - Robert C. O’Brien

• Dreamseeker Trilogy - Jenny Oldfield

• Varjak Paw series - S. F. Said

• The Jungle Book, Rudyard Kipling

**Spooky/Mystery**

• I Know What You Did Last Wednesday - Anthony Horowitz

• Holes - Louis Sachar

• Pig Heart Boy - Malorie Blackman

• Hacker - Malorie Blackman

• The Magician’s House Quartet - William Corlett

• Secret of Platform 13 - Eva Ibbotson

• Dial a Ghost - Eva Ibbotson

• The Ghost of Thomas Kempe - Penelope Lively

• A Stitch in Time - Penelope Lively

• Goosebumps Series - R. L. Stine

• Room 13 - Robert Swindells

**Humour**

• Double Act - Jacqueline Wilson

• There’s a Boy in the Girls’ Bathroom - Louis Sachar

• Dork Diaries Collection - Rachel Renee Russell

• Diary of a Wimpy Kid Collection - Jeff Kinney

• Middle School: The Worst Years of my Life - James Patterson & Chris Tebbetts

• Diary of a Sixth Grace Ninja - Marcus Emerson

• Tales of Fourth Grade Nothing - Judy Blume

• Big Nate Series- Lincoln Peirce • Wayside School Series - Louis Sachar

• A Turn in the Grave - Bowvayne

• Molly Moon - Georgia Byng

• The Spud from Outer Space - Susan Gates

• The Last Polar Bears - Harry Horse

• Jiggy McCue series - Michael Lawrence

• Demon Dentist – David Walliams

• Billionaire Boy – David Walliams

• Grandpa’s Great Escape – David Walliams

**Historical**

• Walter and Me, Michael Morpurgo

• The Butterfly Lion, Michael Morpurgo

• Friend or Foe, Michael Morpurgo

• Letters from the Lighthouse, Emma Carroll

• Inside Out and Back Again, Thanha Lai

• The War That Saved My Life, Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

• One Crazy Summer, Rita Williams-Garcia • War Boy - Michael Foreman

• War Game - Michael Foreman

• Warhorse - Michael Morpurgo

• War of Jenkins Ear – Michael Morpurgo

• A Time of Fire - Robert Westall

• The Abbey Mysteries - Cherith Baldry

• The Roman Mystery series - Caroline Lawrence

• The Way of the Warrior - Andrew Matthews

• Great Pyramid Robbery - Katherine Roberts

**Fantasy**

• The Hobbit - JRR Tolkein

• Harry Potter Series - J K rowling

• Watership Down - Richard Adams

• Northern Lights - Philip Pullman

• Dragon Rider - Cornelia Funke

• Artemis Fowl - Eoin Colfer

• Mister Monday - Garth Nix

• Boy in the Tower - Polly Ho-Yen

• The Indian in the Cupboard series - Lynne Reid Banks

• Frog Princess - E. D. Baker

• Dragon’s Breath - E. D. Baker

• The Boggart - Susan Cooper

• Dragon books - Cressida Cowell

• Harvey Angell - Diana Hendry

• Dogsbody - Diana Wynne Jones

• A Tale of Time City - Diana Wynne Jones

• Skulduggery Pleasant - Derek Landy

• Playing with Fire - Derek Landy

• The Witch Trade - Michael Molly

• The Dog So Small - Phillipa Pearce

• Dakota of the White Flats - Philip Ridley

• Scribbleboy - Philip Ridley

• A Series of Unfortunate Events Lemony Snicket – Daniel Handler

• Muddle Earth - Paul Stewart

**Adventure/Action**

• Tom’s Midnight Garden - Philippa Pearce

• Aquila - Andrew Norris

• The Sleeping Sword - Michael Morpurgo

The Shapeshifter Collection - Ali Sparkes

• A.N.T.I.D.O.T.E. - Malorie Blackman

• Thief - Malorie Blackman

• Dead Georgeous - Malorie Blackman

• The Last Free Cat - John Blake

• Jimmy Coates Sabotage – Joe Craig

• Iron Heads - Susan Gates

• Diamond Brothers series - Anthony Horowitz

• Wicked - Anthony Masters

• Storm Runners - Barbara Mitchelhill

• The Invisible Detective series - Justin Richards

• Stormsearch - Robert Westall

• In the Nick of Time - Robert Westall

• The Baker Street Boys - Anthony Read

• The Cats of Seroster - Robert Westall

**Well-loved Authors**

• Matilda - Roald Dahl

• Danny the Champion of the World - Roald Dahl

• Boy - Roald Dahl

• Going Solo - Roald Dahl

• Charm School - Anne Fine

• The Sheep Pig - Dick King-Smith

• The Water Horse - Dick King-Smith

• Escape from Shangri-La – Michael Morpurgo

• Long Way home - Michael Morpurgo

• The White Horse of Zennor - Michael Morpurgo

• Toro! Toro! - Michael Morpurgo

• Farm Boy - Michael Morpurgo

• Kensuke’s Kingdom - Michael Morpurgo

• Wreck of Zanzibar - Michael Morpurgo

• Tracy Beaker - Jacqueline Wilson

• Best Friends - Jacqueline Wilson

• Secrets, Midnight - Jacqueline Wilson

• The Indian in the Cupboard Series – Lynne Reid Banks

• Harry Potter Series – J.K Rowling

• Famous Five - Enid Blyton