

Recommended Reading List: Year 5

<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Blurb</u>
J.K Rowling	Any Harry Potter books	At the age of 10, Harry Potter lives in Surrey with his aunt and uncle and sleeps in a cupboard under the stairs! As his 11 th Birthday arrives, the time comes for Harry Potter to discover the truth about his magical beginnings & embark on lots of enthralling, unmissable adventures at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft & Wizardry, with his true friends Ron Weasley and Hermione Grainger. He uncovers powerful secrets & a destiny he cannot avoid...
Penelope Lively	The Ghost of Thomas Kempe	Set in present-day Oxfordshire, this book features a boy and his modern family who are new in their English village, and seem beset by a poltergeist. Soon the boy makes acquaintance with the eponymous Thomas Kempe, ghost of a 17th-century resident sorcerer who intends to stay.
Joan Aiken	The Wolves of Willoughby Chase	A wonderful adventure as 2 children flee from the tyranny of their wicked guardian and bravely set out on the road to London. Miss Slightcarp is as chilling as her words sound and she is now in charge of Bonnie and Sylvia. How will they ever escape from her clutches? It would be hard in any circumstances but it is especially hard since the snow lies thick on the ground around Willoughby Chase and the wolves are snapping closer and closer. It's scary enough, but Bonnie and Sylvia are a determined pair and nothing, not even the wolves are going to stop them from getting back to London and Aunt Jane. Helped on their way by Simon and the flock of geese he is taking to market, Bonnie and Sylvia's journey is a thrilling adventure - and not for the faint hearted!
Anthony Horowitz	Alex Rider: Stormbreaker (1)	A fabulous story that crackles with suspense and daring and shows that a bit of cheek will take you a very long way. Alex Rider is fourteen when his whole world is turned upside down. Already an orphan, his guardian is killed in suspicious circumstances and Alex finds himself forcibly recruited into the MI6 to train as a super spy. He performs deeds of unimaginable daring, faces terrible danger - and lives to tell the tale. A great, pacy read. Perfect for Reluctant Readers as well as keen readers.
Anthony Horowitz	'The Diamond Brothers' series	The Diamond Brothers is a series of humorous children's detective books which tell the adventures of the world's worst private detective, Tim Diamond, and his younger brother, Nick Diamond, who is considerably more intelligent. The Diamond

		Brothers series contains much more humour than the Alex Rider series, with many puns, pop culture references and absurd situations.
Cornelia Funke	Dragon Rider	Dragon Rider follows the exploits of a silver dragon named Firedrake, the Brownie Sorrel, and Ben, a human boy, in their search for the mythical part of the Himalayas mountain range called the Rim of Heaven to find a safe place for Firedrake's kin to live when the dragon finds out that humans intend to flood the valley where he and his fellow dragons live.
Eva Ibbotson	Dial a Ghost	Dial-a-Ghost is centred on an orphan named Oliver, who inherits Helton Hall, and whose cousins Frieda and Fulton Snodde-Brittle want to kill him because he is the rightful owner of Helton Hall. Fulton goes to the Dial a Ghost agency with an evil plan. He wants to hire some truly terrifying ghosts to scare Oliver to death. The Shriekers are the most violent and sickening sceptres the agency has, but a mix-up means the kind Wilkinson ghosts are sent in their place. Now Oliver has some spooky allies to help him outwit the wicked Snodde-Brittles...
Philip Pullman	Clockwork	Fritz, the writer, spins a spine-tingling tale to cheer up Karl, the apprentice clockmaker. But rather than helping matters, the story begins to come true.... The stories of Karl, the apprentice; Dr. Kalmenius, his nefarious "savior"; Gretl, the brave daughter of the town innkeeper; and a young prince whose clockwork heart is in danger of winding down come together in surprising and magical ways in a story that has the relentless urgency of a ticking clock.
Jenny Broom	The Wonder Garden (non-fiction)	After entering the ornamental, golden gates of the "Wonder Garden," readers explore five habitats: the Chihuahuan Desert, Amazon Rainforest, Black Forest, Himalayan Mountains, and Great Barrier Reef. Within each setting, are intricately detailed engravings of 80 mammals, birds, reptiles, and insects, spiked with vibrant shades of fuchsia and carmine. The illustrations are supplemented with facts about the species and lively descriptions of their environments written in second-person, amplifying a sense of adventure and intrigue: "Head to the riverbank, and if you catch a flash of copper and cobalt, it could be a kingfisher." 'Jaguars rest on giant cactus blossoms and butterflies blanket the pages like a snow flurry.' An enchanting tour of the animal kingdom that makes the world's biodiversity feel downright magical.
Johanna Spyri	Heidi	The story is about an orphan girl, Heidi, who has been sent to live with a lonely, angry man at the top of a

		mountain in the Swiss Alps. This man is her grandfather. Heidi had been previously living with her Aunt Dete, but now Dete has been appointed to a job in Frankfurt. There is no way she is going to turn down this job to look after Heidi; she has to go. Surprisingly, Heidi's grandfather turns out to be welcoming and loving and lets Heidi stay in his mountain home, which she adores.
Eoin Colfer	The Artemis Fowl collection	Artemis Fowl is a series of eight science fantasy novels, starring teenage criminal mastermind Artemis Fowl II. Colfer summed up the series as: "Die Hard" with fairies. There are eight novels in the series.
Kenneth Grahame	Wind in the Willows	The Wind in the Willows is a classic tale of river life and friendship between 4 river animals: Mole, Ratty, Toad and Badger. It is surprisingly dark and thrilling in places--particularly in the later chapters and the battle of Toad Hall. The story confirms the power of close friends and courage to make a difference in the lives of others.
David Walliams	The Midnight Gang	'The Midnight Gang' is a story of friendship, theatre & magic - and of making dreams come true. When the clock strikes midnight most children are fast asleep, but for the Midnight Gang the journey is just beginning. This extraordinary story of 5 children in a wonderfully inventive & eccentric hospital setting promises to take readers on an unmissable midnight adventure.
Allan Ahlberg	Heard it in the playground	This illustrated collection of amusing poems and songs celebrating primary school life won the Signal Poetry Award in 1990. Meet Billy McBone and the Mad Professor's Daughter, be amazed by the Longest Kiss Contest, shed a tear for the Boy Without a Name and if you're a stressed teacher sing the Mrs Butler Blues!
Liz Pichon	The Brilliant World of Tom Gates	Fans of the Wimpy Kid will delight in the hilarious adventures of Tom Gates! Fantastic fun told in words and pictures, Tom Gates, a master of excuses, expert doodler, comic story writer extraordinaire - introduces his life including his sister Delia whom he torments mercilessly, his best-friend Derek, the problems he has at school - and much, much more. It is a delight of a reading experience with all the fun of decoding the pictures as well as reading the words.