Recommended books for Year 5 and 6

These books are all suitable for year 5 and 6 readers, however, they may not appeal to all children. I've tried to make the list as broad as possible in the hope that there is something for everyone.

Many of these books are available in school and will also be available at local libraries.

I have mostly just added one text per author with the idea that you can explore other texts from authors you enjoy.

Amazon.co.uk is also a good place to find recommendations of similar books to ones you like.

A Place Called Perfect – Helena Duggan

Wolf Wilder - Katherine Rundell

The Uncommoners – Jennifer Bell

The Nowhere Emporium – Ross Makenzie

The Shadow Forest – Matt Haig Dial a Ghost – Eva Ibbotson

Alex Rider series – Anthony Horowitz Who let the God's Out – Maz Evans

The Unicorn Quest – Kamilla Benko

Only You Can Save Mankind - Terry Pratchett

The 1000 Year Old Boy – Ross Welford

Sky Song – Abi Elphinstone

Skullduggery Pleasant – Derek Landy

Fabelhaven Series - Brandon Mull

Beetle Boy - MG Leonard

Boy in the Tower - Polly Ho Yen

Artemis Fowl - Eoin Colfer

The Breadwinner – Deborah Ellis

Clockwork – Philip Pullman

Dragon Rider – Cornelia Funke

Holes – Louis Sachar

There's a Boy in the Girl's Bathroom – Louis Sachar

The London Eye Mystery – Siobhan Dowd

The Mysterious Benedict Society Series – Trenton Lee

Stewart

The Secret Keepers – Trenton Lee Stewart

Foul Play Series – Tom Palmer

Percy Jackson Series – Rick Riordan

Floodland – Marcus Sedgewick

Kensuke's Kingdom – Michael Morpurgo

Cosmic - Frank Cottrell Boyce

There May Be a Castle – Piers Torday

The Roman Mystery Series – Caroline Lawrence

Cogheart - Peter Bunzl

A Library of Lemons - Jo Cotterill

The Boy Who Sailed the Ocean in an Armchair - Lara

Williamson

Pax - Sara Pennypacker

Rooftoppers – Katherine Rundell

House of Secrets – Chris Columbus

Silverfin – Charlie Higson

Inkheart – Cornelia Funke

Flour Babies - Anne Fine

The Golden Compass – Philip Pullman

The Girl of Ink and Stars – Kiran Millwood Hargrave

Charlotte's Web - EB White

The Adventures of Professor Branestawm – Norman

Hunter

Stig of the Dump - Clive King

The Phoenix and the Carpet – E Nesbit

Alice in Wonderland – Lewis Carrol

Little Women – Louisa May Alcott

Little House on the Prairie – Laura Ingalls Wilder

My Family and Other Animals – Gerald Durrell

The Wolves of Willoughby Chase – Joan Aiken

The Secret Garden – Frances Hodgson Burnett

The Silver Sword – Ian Serrailier

Peter Pan- J. M. Barrie

Wizard of Oz- Frank L. Baum

Katy books- Susan Coolidge

Just William- Richmal Crompton

Wind in the Willows- Kenneth Graham

Just So Stories, The Jungle Book- Rudyard Kipling

Pollyanna- E. Porter

101 Dalmations - Dodie Smith

Heidi- Johanna Spyri

Ballet Shoes- Noel Streatfield

Mary Poppins- P. L. Travers

Chronicles of Narnia – CS Lewis

Danny the Champion of the World - Roald Dahl

The Borrowers - Mary Norton

Goodnight Mr Tom - Michelle Magorian

Skellig – David Almond

Swallows and Amazons Series - Arthur Ransome

Private Peaceful - Michael Morpurgo

Wonder – R.J. Palacio

When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit - Judith Kerr

Blubber – Judy Blume

The Railway Children – E Nesbitt

Kensuke's Kingdom - Michael Morpurgo

Once – Morris Gleitzman

The Silver Sword – Ian Serrailier

Tell Me No Lies – Malorie Blackman

Volcano Adventure – Willard Price

The Lost World – Arthur Conan Doyle

Treasure Island – Robert Louis Stevenson

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer – Mark Twain

Call of the Wild - Jack London

Journey to the River Sea - Eva Ibbotson

Diary of a Young Girl - Anne Frank

Swiss Family Robinson - Johann David Wyss

More challenging reading

These books appear on reading lists for Year 7 students. We would advise that you check the synopsis of the titles on Amazon (or a similar site) to ensure you are happy with the subject matter.

Watership Down – Richard Adams

The Island at the End of Everything – Kiran Millwood

Hargrave

The Wolves of Willoughby Chase – Joan Aiken

The Dark is Rising – Susan Cooper

Wolf - Gillian Cross

The Seeing Stone - Kevin Crossley-Holland

Diary of a Young Girl – Anne Frank

The Weirdstone of Brisingamen – Alan Garner

Minders - Diana Hendry]

Northern Lights - Philip Pullman

The Eagle of the Ninth - Rosemary Sutcliffe

The Cay – Theodore Taylor

The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn – Mark Twain

Blitzcat - Robert Westall

The Hunger Games - Suzanne Collins

Pig Heart Boy – Malorie Blackman

Framed - Frank Cottrell Boyce

The Garbage King - Elizabeth Laird

Wonder - R.J. Palacio

The Book Thief - Marcus Zusak

The Box of Delights - John Masefield

The Call of the Wild – Jack London

Private Peaceful - Michael Morpurgo

Holes – Louis Sachar

Twelve Minutes to Midnight – Christopher Edge

A Rag, a bone and a hank of hair - Nicholas Fisk

Runaway Teacher – Pete Johnson

Hex Trilogy – Rhiannon Lassiter

The Aldous Lexicon – Michael Lawrence

Sleepwalking - Nicola Morgan

Time Snatch - Robery Swindells

Playing on th Edge - Neil Arksey

Boy in the Striped Pyjamas – John Boyne

The Disappearances – Emily Bain Murphy

Hacker - Malorie Blackman

Noughts and Crosses - Malorie Blackman

Basilisk - NM Browne

Innocent - Anne Cassidy

The Outsiders – SE Hinton

Wind on Fire - William Nicholson

Hatchet - Gary Paulsen

Survival - Chris Ryan

Bootleg - Alex Shearer

Storm Thief - Chris Wooding

Journey to the River Sea – Eva Ibbotson

How I Live Now - Meg Rosoff

A Christmas Carol – Charles Dickens

Sherlock Holmes – Arthur Conan Doyle

Treasure Island – R.L. Stevenson

The Time Machine - H G Wells

The Wish List – Eoin Colfer

Sea of Trolls – Nancy Farmer

Shadow of the Minotaur - Alan Gibbons

Eragon - Chris Paolini

Mortal Engines - Philip Reeves

Amulet of Samarkend - Jonathan Stroud

Coraline – Neil Gaiman

Dial a Ghost – Eva Ibbotson

Johnny Maxwell Trilogy – Terry Pratchett

There's a Boy in the Girl's Bathroom – Louis Sachar

Dream Travellers – Sherry Ashworth

Angel Factory – Terrance Blacker

Half Moon Investigations – Eion Colfer

Horace - Chris D'Lacey

Dark Henge - Caherine Fisher

The Stolen – Alex Shearer

The Lost – Alex Shearer

Tersias – G.P. Taylor