PRESTBURY ST MARY'S C of E JUNIOR SCHOOL

Recommended Books for YEAR 5

Why have a book list?

We know that finding books for your child to read can be really tricky! As we are often asked for suggestions in school, we thought it might be a good idea to put together a series of book lists to help.

Does my child have to read books from the book list?

Only if they want to! We are certainly not saying that these are the only books that your child should read.

What about all the good books that are not on the list?

If your child finds other books that they want to read, that's no problem – they should read them! There will be lots of other good books, especially those newly published, that will not be on the list but would be great to read. Visiting the local library or any bookshop with a good children's department will always be the best places to get the latest recommendations. There will also be some great titles that we haven't included on the lists as we intend to use them as class readers over the course of the year. Also, to keep the size of the book lists manageable, we have only included fiction titles. However, we would certainly encourage your child to read a wide variety of things so do balance these suggestions with non-fiction books, poetry, newspapers and any other types of quality texts.

What about books that are part of a series?

Again, to keep the size of the book list manageable, we have generally only included one title from any series of books. However, if your child enjoys the book and would like to more read in the series, they should definitely do so!

What about Accelerated Reader?

The Accelerated Reader Book Level is included for each book on the list. We would ask that your child still chooses books from within their reading range if they are going to be reading them to themselves. We will always try to give your child as wide a reading range as possible so that your child should have plenty of books to choose from. However, if they see a book that they fancy reading that is above their range, please feel free to read the book to them at home.

How have the books been chosen as appropriate for the Year 5?

Recommending books for a particular year group is hard. What one person may consider as a challenging read, may not be true for everybody. Similarly, not everybody will agree on what is age appropriate for the year group. With both these things in mind, this list has been compiled after looking at many different published book lists for Year 5. Obviously, we have not been able to read every book listed, so the judgement that this is appropriate has been made in good faith, based on the expertise of other professionals. The Accelerated Reader 'Interest Level' is listed to give you an indication of what the content of the book may be like - MY (Middle Years) books have an age range of 9 to 12yrs. Titles which are rated by AR as MY+ (Middle Years Plus - suitable for 12-13 yr olds), or UY (Upper Years – suitable for 14 years and older) have not been included in the list. A brief synopsis, with guidance on the content of any of these books, is available for parents on AR if you wish to check. Ultimately, it is up to you whether you are happy for your child to read any title on this list.

Can my child read books from a different year group's book list?

We would certainly be happy for your child to read books from any of the book lists for the year groups **below** the one they are in. We have deliberately included a wide range of books, with a wide range of book levels, on every year group's list so there should be plenty of books for your child to choose from.

Are all these books available in my child's class?

Many of the books on the list are available either in your child's class or in the other Y5 classroom and in time, as we are able to, we will aim to keep adding the rest of these titles to the class libraries. In the meantime, if your child is keen to read a particular book and it is not available in school, please remember the local library is an excellent place to start – especially as you can usually reserve titles. All of these books can also be purchased in book stores or online.

Title	Author	Accelerated Reader	
		Interest Level MY = 9 – 12 yrs	Book Level
ADVENTURE			
Run Wild	Gill Lewis	MY	3.5
Sputnik's Guide to Life on Earth	Frank Cottrell-Boyce	MY	4.0
Arctic Adventure	Willard Price	MY	4.7
The Tale of Despereaux	Kate DiCamillo	MY	4.7
King of the Cloud Forests	Michael Morpurgo	MY	6.0
The White Giraffe	Lauren St John	MY	6.2
MYSTERY			
Hacker	Malorie Blackman	MY	4.4
The Mystery of the Clockwork Sparrow	Katherine Woodfine	MY	6.6
HUMOUR			
Scribbleboy	Philip Ridley	MY	3.4
Head Kid	David Baddiel	MY	4.4
The Astounding Broccoli Boy	Frank Cottrell-Boyce	MY	4.5
The Parent Agency	David Baddiel	MY	4.7
Mr Stink	David Walliams	MY	4.7
Fruit and Nutcase	Jean Ure	MY	4.8
Gangsta Granny	David Walliams	MY	4.9
Beetle Boy	MG Leonard	MY	4.9
Toad Rage	Morris Gleitzman	MY	5.2
Who Let the Gods Out?	Maz Evans	MY	5.8
Kid Normal	Greg James & Chris Smith	MY	6.2
FANTASY			
The Owl Service	Alan Garner	MY	3.7
The Tail of Emily Windsnap	Liz Kessler	MY	3.8
Wolf Brother	Michelle Paver	MY	4.5
The Witches	Roald Dahl	MY	4.7
Dragon Rider	Cornelia Funke	MY	4.9
I was a Rat!: Or, The Scarlet Slippers	Philip Pullman	MY	5.2
The Storm Keeper's Island	Catherine Doyle	MY	5.5
The Last Wild	Piers Torday	MY	5.6
Clockwork	Philip Pullman	MY	5.7
Dial A Ghost	Eva Ibbotson	MY	5.7
Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone	J.K. Rowling	MY	6.0
Sky Song	Abi Elphinstone	MY	6.1
The Polar Bear Explorers' Club	Alex Bell	MY	6.6
Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets	J.K. Rowling	MY	6.7
Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban	J.K. Rowling	MY	6.7
A Wizard of Earthsea	Ursula K Le Guin	MY	6.7
Twice Magic	Cressida Cowell	MY	6.8
REAL LIFE STORIES			
Ella on the Outside	Cath Howe	MY	3.9
Vicky Angel	Jacqueline Wilson	MY	4.0
Double Act	Jacqueline Wilson	MY	4.1
The Fastest Boy in the World	Elizabeth Laird	MY	4.4
The Story of Tracy Beaker	Jacqueline Wilson	MY	4.4
Louisiana's Way Home	Kate DiCamillo	MY	4.5
Boy in the Tower	Polly Ho-Yen	MY	5.3
The Boy at the Back of the Class	Onjali Q. Raúf	MY	5.4
HISTORY BASED			
Armistice Runner	Tom Palmer	MY	4.0
Black Powder	Ally Sherrick	MY	4.5
Friend or Foe	Michael Morpurgo	MY	4.6

Race to the Frozen North	Catherine Johnson	MY	4.6
Odd and the Frost Giants	Neil Gaiman	MY	5.0
Secrets of a Sun King	Emma Carroll	MY	5.0
The Silver Sword	Ian Serraillier	MY	5.5
CLASSICS			
Danny the Champion of the World	Roald Dahl	MY	4.7
Little House on the Prairie	Laura Ingalls Wilder	MY	4.9
The Borrowers	Mary Norton	MY	5.3
The Diddakoi	Rumer Godden	MY	5.3
Emil and the Detectives	Erich Kästner	My	5.4
The Wind in the Willows	Kenneth Grahame	MY	8.4