



St Mewan School: Recommended Books for pleasure for Year 5 courtesy of Explore Learning <http://www.explorelearning.co.uk>

The selection of books in this list are a guide for children aged 9-10 in Year 5 at school. The books range various genres to cover all interests. If your child is a competent reader or has read many of these titles then try the books from the Year 5 reading list.

### **Animals**

Black Beauty - Anna Sewell  
The Midnight Fox - Betsy Byars  
The Hundred and One Dalmatians -  
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 Grade 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 - Bowwayne  
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, Thanh  
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 Tolkien  
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  
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 Gorgeous - 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 Mitchellhill  
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