

Dear Parents,

We have put together some reading suggestions as recommended 'good reads' for children in each year group. The lists are not intended to be prescriptive, nor are they exhaustive; rather they are a place to start if you need some ideas about suitable books to help you guide your children on their reading journey. Many of the books can be found in our school library. The lists represent a range of fictional titles across many genres. Encourage your child to read from as many different types of books as possible. If your child is a reluctant or struggling reader, look at the lists from previous year groups too, and ask your child's teacher for advice.

All children (even strong, fluent readers) benefit enormously from sharing a book with an adult. We would encourage all parents to continue to read to and with their children, discussing the story, characters and language as you go. Make it a relaxed, enjoyable shared activity.

If your child is too tired to read in the evening, read to them and encourage them to follow the words while you read.

In addition to these stories, children should also be encouraged to read factual (non-fiction) books on subjects that interest them and/or about topics that they are learning about in school. Many children love to read poetry and there is a huge variety of modern, humorous, child-friendly verse in your local library and bookshops too.

The benefits of good reading habits cannot be underestimated for children of all ages. Research continues to evidence a strong link between reading habits and achievement at all levels of the education system. Parents often ask us what they can do to help their children with their education. We believe that one of the best things that you can do is to make reading a regular and pleasurable part of your child's life.

Happy Reading!

## Year 5

How to Train Your Dragon	Cressida Cowell
Which Witch?	Eva Ibbotson
Dial A Ghost	Eva Ibbotson
The Chicken Gave it to me	Anne Fine
Stormbreaker	Anthony Horowitz
Walter and Me	Michael Morpurgo
Friend or Foe	Michael Morpurgo
Mister Monday	Garth Nix
Aquila	Andrew Norris
Harry and the Wrinklies	Alan Temperley
The Diary of a Killer Cat	Anne Fine
Water Wings	Morris Gleitzman
Blabbermouth	Morris Gleitzman
Belly Flop	Morris Gleitzman
The Firework Maker's Daughter	Philip Pullman
Northern Lights	Philip Pullman
A Christmas Carol	Charles Dickens
Dragon Rider	Cornelia Funke
Journey To Jo'burg	Beverly Naidoo
Journey to the River Sea	Eva Ibbotson
The Owl Service	Alan Garner
Pig Heart Boy	Malorie Blackman
Tom's Midnight Garden	Philippa Pearce
Watership Down	Richard Adams
The Wizard of Earthsea	Ursula K Le Guin
Wolves of Willoughby Chase	Joan Aiken
Where the Red Fern Grows	Wilson Rawls
Little Women	Louisa May Alcott
The Secret Garden	Frances Hodgson-Burnett
Artemis Fowl	Eoin Colfer
The Wind in the Willows	Kenneth Grahame
Anne of Green Gables	L M Montgomery
Black Beauty	Anna Sewell
The Devil and his Boy	Anthony Horowitz
Street Child	Berlie Doherty
Vicky Angel	Jacqueline Wilson
The Other Side of Truth	Beverley Naidoo
Harry Potter series	J K Rowling
Varjak Paw	S.F. Said
Goosebumps	R.L.Stine
Percy Jackson	Rick Riordan
The Owl Tree	Jenny Nimmo
Stormbreaker	Anthony Horowitz