



St Joseph and St Theresa Catholic Primary School

Year 5 Recommended Reading List

Dear Parents/ Carers,

As I am sure you are aware, as well as being an enjoyable pastime, reading impacts hugely on all areas of children's learning and their writing ability. We encourage children to read as much as possible, both at home and in school.

To assist with the difficult task of choosing a new book, we have put together a recommended reading list for each year group across the school.

Whilst the children have access to a variety of books within each classroom, we are aware of the fact that not all of the below titles are available to the children in school. We are currently working on increasing the range of fiction books available to the children both in class and in the library. In the meantime, we also encourage them to bring in their own books from home, to visit their local library and to share some of the recommended books below between their friendship groups.

You will notice that this is not an exhaustive list, but it represents a cross-section of books suitable for your child's year group.

Happy reading!

Mr Pickering

Recommended books

Humour

- Molly Moon- Georgia Byng
- Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key/What would Joey Do- Jack Gantos
- The Spud from Outer Space- Susan Gates
- The Last Polar Bears- Harry Horse
- Jiggy McCue series- Michael Lawrence

School Stories

- St Clares- Enid Blyton
- Malory Towers- Enid Blyton

Adventure Stories

- The Last Free Cat- John Blake
- Famous Five- Enid Blyton

- Jimmy Coates Sabotage- Joe Craig
- Iron Heads- Susan Gates
- Diamond Brothers series- Anthony Horowitz
- Wicked- Anthony Masters
- Storm Runners- Barbara Mitchelhill
- The Invisible Detective series- Justin Richards
- Stormsearch, In the Nick of Time- Robert Westall

Adventure Set in the Past

- The Abbey Mysteries- Cherith Baldry
- The Roman Mystery series- Caroline Lawrence
- The Way of the Warrior- Andrew Matthews
- The Baker Street Boys- Anthony Read
- Great Pyramid Robbery- Katherine Roberts
- The Cats of Seroster- Robert Westall

Past

- The Children of Green Knowe- Lucy M. Boston
- Tudor Terror- Terry Deary
- The Saga of Erik the Viking, The Knight and the Squire- Terry Jones
- Death and the Arrow- Chris Priestly
- Clockwork- Philip Pullman
- Percy Jackson series- Rick Riordan
- My Diary and My Story series various authors
- Horrible History, Horrible Geography series

War stories

- War Boy, War Game- Michael Foreman
- Warhorse, War of Jenkins Ear- Michael Morpurgo
- A Time of Fire- Robert Westall

Fantasy

- Frog Princess, Dragon's Breath- E. D. Baker
- Tales of the Dark Forest- Steve Barlow/Steve Skidmore
- The Boggart- Susan Cooper
- Dragon books- Cressida Cowell
- Harvey Angell- Diana Hendry
- Dogsboddy, A Tale of Time City- Diana Wynne Jones
- Skulduggery Pleasant, Playing with Fire- Derek Landy
- The Witch Trade- Michael Molly
- The Dog so Small- Phillipa Pearce
- Dakota of the White Flats, Scribbleboy- Philip Ridley
- A Series of Unfortunate events- Lemony Snicket
- Muddle Earth- Paul Stewart

Mystery

- The Magician's House Quartet- William Corlett
- Secret of Platform 13, Dial a Ghost- Eva Ibbotson
- The Ghost of Thomas Kempe, A Stitch in Time- Penelope Lively
- Goosebumps- R. L. Stine

- Room 13- Robert Swindells

Animal

- Wild Lives series- Nick Arnold
- Sandy Lane Stables- Michelle Bates
- Peppermint Pig- Nina Bawden
- The Rover Adventures- Roddy Doyle 3
- Tooth and Claw- Stephen Moore
- Dreamseeker Trilogy- Jenny Oldfield
- Varjak Paw series- S. F. Said

Magical

- Angels Unlimited- Annie Dalton
- Pongwiffy, Wilma series- Kaye Umansky

Family

- Jessica Haggerthwaite: Media Star- Emma Barnes
- Bagthorpe Saga- Helena Cresswell
- 2 Weeks with the Queen- Morris Gleitzman
- The Exiles- Hilary Mackay
- Simone's Letters- Helena Pielichaty
- The Mum Surprise- Gwyneth Rees
- Becky Bananas- Jean Ure

Science Fiction

- Angel for May- Melvin Burgess
- A Rag A Bone and a Hank of Hair- Nicholas Fisk
- Aquilla- Andrew Morris
- Dr Who Stories various authors

Sport

- Kick Off, Shoot to Win- Dan Friedman

Popular Authors

- Matilda, BFG, Danny the Champion of the World, Boy, Going Solo- Roald Dahl
- Crowstarver, The Sheep Pig, The Water Horse- Dick King-Smith
- Escape from Shangri-La, Long Way home, The White Horse of Zennor- Michael Morpurgo
- Tracy Beaker, Best Friends, Secrets, Midnight- Jacqueline Wilson

Modern Classics

- The Midnight Fox- Betsy Byars
- Stig of the Dump- Clive King
- Thunder and Lightning- Jan Mark
- The Rescuers- Margery Sharp
- Mennymys- Sylvia Waugh

Classics

- Peter Pan- J. M. Barrie
- Wizard of Oz- Frank L. Baum
- Alice in Wonderland- Lewis Carroll
- 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

Poetry

- Let Me Touch the Sky- Val Bloom
- Funky chickens- Benjamin Zephaniah
- The Oxford Book of Story Poems
- Dark as a Midnight Dream
- The Works A Poet a Week