



Suggested Reading List - for fluent readers in Years 5 & 6

We hope you and your child (ren) find these ideas helpful when choosing books at home, at your library or in shops. We recognise that all children are at different stages and have varying likes and dislikes. Your class teacher will always be able to guide you, especially if your child is at the earlier stage of reading.

We think it is really important that all children are given support to understand what they are reading. This can be done through talking about characters' feelings, asking what they think will happen next, discussing what they would do in a certain situation or looking up unknown words in a dictionary. In order for children to develop as readers, it is a good idea for them to broaden their horizons by varying the subject, format and media.

Children's emotional development is sometimes out of line with their reading ability, especially for able readers in primary school. To support reading development we all need to consider the appropriateness of the subject of the book, along with the level of difficulty.

Below is a list of materials suitable for confident readers in Years 5 and 6 but may also be relevant and/or meet the interests of children in Years 3 & 4.

Non-Fiction

Your children will enjoy access to accurate and up to date information books. At HPAPL they will be taught skills to develop speedy retrieval of information, to use indexes, glossaries and interpret captions to illustrations and diagrams. We would encourage you to read a range of information sources at home with your child e.g. newspapers, timetables, schedules and databases. Other material could include:

- Cookery books are always fun to explore together – then make and do!
- Instructions for games, gadgets or other household items
- Suitable websites – to promote non - linear reading skills development
- The Globe, maps and atlases
- *First News* is a newspaper for children, published weekly.
- *National Geographic Kids* is a monthly magazine available at newsagents or by subscription.
- *DK First Reference* series of seven books with titles such as *Nature Encyclopaedia*
- *A Life Like Mine* and *Children Just Like Me*, published by Dorling Kindersley in association with UNICEF
- *Spanish related books – we learn Spanish at HPAPL*

Fiction titles

- Rosemary Sutcliff *Dragon slayer; The Truce of the Games.*
- Alan Temperley *Harry and the Wrinklies*
- J.R.R. Tolkien *The Hobbit; Lord of the Rings; The Two Towers; The Fellowship of the Ring.*
- P.L. Travers *Mary Poppins.*
- Sylvia Waugh *The Mennymys books.*
- Robert Westall *The Christmas Cat. The Machine Gunners.* Jacqueline Wilson *Double Act; Lola Rose and other titles* Ian Serraillier *The Silver Sword; There's No Escape.*

- Dodie Smith *The Hundred and One Dalmatians; The Starlight Barking.*
- Lemony Snicket *The Series of Unfortunate Events (series)*
- Ivan Southall *The Fox Hole.*
- Paul Stewart & Chris Riddell *Edge Chronicles series*
- Philip Pullman *Clockwork; Thunderbolt's Waxwork.* J.K. Rowling *Harry Potter books.*
- Louis Sachar *Holes*
- George Selden *The Cricket in Times Square; Chester Cricket's New Home.*
- Jenny Nimmo *The Snow Spider; Emlyn's Moon; Midnight for Charlie Bone* Terry Pratchett *The Amazing Maurice and his Educated Rodents*
- Willard Price *Amazon Adventure; African Adventure; South Sea Adventure, etc.* John Masefield *The Midnight Folk; The Box of Delights.*
- Alexander McCall-Smith *Akimbo and the Elephants.*
- Hilary McKay *The Exiles; Dog Friday; The Amber Cat; Dolphin Luck.* L M Montgomery *Anne of Green Gables*
- Michael Morpurgo *My Friend Walter; Friend or Foe; Waiting for Anya; The Farm that Ran Out of Names; The Nine Lives of Montezuma; War Horse; Little Foxes; Kensuke's Kingdom, and many other titles.*
- Jill Murphy *Geoffrey Strangeways..*
- C.S. Lewis *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe series(Narnia books).*
- Penelope Lively *The Ghost of Thomas Kempe; The Voyage of QV66 and other titles.*
- Michelle Magorian *Goodnight Mr. Tom.*
- Jan Mark *Man in Motion. Thunder and Lightnings.*
- Erich Kastner *Emil and the Detectives; Emil and the Three Twins.* Clive King *Stig of the Dump; Me and My Million; and other titles.* Dick King-Smith *Lady Daisy; The Wreck of the Zanzibar*
- The Crowstarver; *Dear Ollie; and any other titles.*
- Charles Kingsley *The Water Babies.*
- Rudyard Kipling *Rikki-Tikki-Tavi; The Jungle Book.*
- Anthony Horowitz *Myths and Legends retold; Stormbreaker; Eagle Strike; and other titles* Ted Hughes *The Iron Man; The Iron Woman; Why the Whale Became.*
- Madhur Jaffrey *Seasons of Splendour*
- Julia Jarman *The Time-Travelling Cat. Capt. W.E. Johns The Biggles books.* Terry Jones *The Knight and the Squire*
- Alan Garner *The Weirdstone of Brisingamen; Elidor; and other titles.* Eve Garnett *The Family from One-End Street.*
- Rumer Godden *The Diddakoi; Listen to the Nightingale.*
- Elizabeth Goudge *Henrietta's House; The Little White Horse*
- Roger Lancelyn Green *Tales of the Greek Heroes; The Tale of Troy; The Luck of Troy; Robin Hood; King Arthur.*
- The Brothers Grimm *Fairy Tales.*
- Anne Fine *The Granny Project; Goggle Eyes; Flour Babies; The Tulip Touch; The Book of the Banshee; Step by Wicked Step*
- Michael Foreman *War Boy.*
- Alan Garner *The Weirdstone of Brisingamen; Elidor; and other titles.* Morris Gleitzman *Blabbermouth; Boy Overboard; Toad Rage*
- John Christopher *The Prince in Waiting* trilogy. Susan Coolidge *What Katy Did.*
- Susan Cooper *The Dark Is Rising*

sequence. Helen Cresswell *Snatchers; The Night Watchmen*.

- Roald Dahl *Danny Champion of the World*; plus any others not read before. Allan Ahlberg *Woof! Son of a Gun; The Giant Baby; The Bear Nobody Wanted*;
- Joan Aiken *Mice and Mendelson; The Whispering Mountain; Midnight is a Place; The Stolen Lake; The Wolves of Willoughby Chase series; and other titles*.
- Lynne Reid Banks *The Indian in the Cupboard; Return of the Indian; I, Houdini; The Fairy Rebel; The Farthest-Away Mountain*.
- Antonia Barber *The Amazing Mr. Blunden*. L. Frank Baum *The Wizard of Oz*.
- Nina Bawden *Keeping Henry; The Secret Passage; Carrie's War* and other titles.

Poetry

- The Harris Federation Children's Anthology *Write Now! (available to order)*
- *I Like This Poem: A Collection of Best-loved Poems Chosen by Children for Other Children in Aid of the International Year of the Child* by Kaye Webb
- *One Hundred Years of Poetry for Children* by Michael Harrison
- John Masefield *Sea Fever*
- H.W. Longfellow *The Wreck of the Hesperous*
- Edward Lear *The Jumblies*
- Walter de la Mare *The Listeners*
- Lewis Carroll *You are Old, Father William*
- T.S. Eliot *Macavity, the Mystery Cat*
- Alfred Noyes *The Highwayman*
- Eleanor Farjeon *It Was Long Ago*
- Hilaire Belloc *Tarantella*
- Anthologies by *M Rosen, R McGough*

Websites

- Reading Matters Website www.readingmatters.co.uk/ helps children in their search for a good book.
- Kids Review website www.kidsreview.org.uk/ offers reviews written for children by children.
- Love Reading 4 Kids website www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/ offers reviews of books and a search facility.

Additional Information

Waterstones produces an excellent **Guide to Kids' Books** that is available free in the store. If you have any other titles to add to this list – please do tell us! We appreciate your continued support in listening to your child read each night as we send books from school home.

