

Suggested Reading List – Years 5 & 6

Below is a wide range of fantastic fiction books that are aimed at able children in Upper Key Stage Two (aged 9-11). They cover an array of topics and themes, details of some of these can be found on the following websites:

www.clpe.org.uk www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk www.commonsemmedia.org/book-reviews

Confident Readers

Carrie's War	Nina Bawden	Treasure Island	Robert Louis Stevenson
Holes	Louis Sachar	Boy in the Tower	Polly Ho-Yen
Private Peaceful	Michael Morpurgo	The Explorer	Katherine Rundel
Northern Lights	Phillip Pulman	Kick	Mitch Johnson
Alex Rider series	Anthony Horowitz	The Bubble Boy	Stewart Foster
Silver Sword	Ian Serraillier	Cloud Busting	Malorie Blackman
Murder Most Unladylike	Robin Stevens	Journey to the River Sea	Eva Ibbotson
Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl	Ed. Otto H Frank	Wolves of Willoughby Chase	Joan Aitken
Tom's Midnight Garden	Phillipa Pearce	The Boy at the Back of the Class	Onjali Q Rauf
Watership Down	Richard Adams	Artemis Fowl	Eoin Colfer
Pax	Sara Pennypacker	Who Let the Gods Out?	Maz Evans
Lion Boy	Zizou Corder	Skellig	David Almond
The Graveyard Book	Neil Gaiman	Silverfin	Charlie Higson
The Girl of Ink and Stars	Kiran Millwood Hargrave	Once	Morris Gleitzman
Abomination	Robert Swindells	Fruit and Nutcase	Jean Ure
The Machine Gunners	Robert Westall	Beetle Boy	M.G. Leonard
Wonder	R J Palacio	Letters from the Lighthouse	Emma Carroll
Arthur, High King of Britain	Michael Morpurgo	The House with Chicken Legs	Sophie Anderson
Bird	Crystal Chan	Wolf Brother	Michelle Paver
Booked	Kwame Alexander	Clockwork or All Wound-Up	Philip Pullman



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Floodland	Marcus Sedgwick	Flush	Carl Hiaasen
Fuzzy Mud	Louis Sachar	The Murderer's Ape	Jakob Wegelius
Firegirl	Tony Abbott	Goodnight Mr Tom	Michelle Magorian
Rumble Star	Abi Elphinstone	Johnny and the Dead	Terry Pratchett
Phoenix	S.F. Said	Rooftoppers	Katherine Rundell
The Nowhere Emporium	Ross MacKenzie	Secrets of a Sun King	Emma Carroll
Wild Boy	Rob Lloyd Jones	The Many Worlds of Albie Bright	Christopher Edge
The Invention of Hugo Cabret	Brian Selznick	The London Eye Mystery	Siobhan Dowd
Welcome to Nowhere	Elizabeth Laird	Wildspark	Vashti Hardy
The Sleeper and the Spindle	Neil Gaiman	Kat Wolfe Investigates	Lauren St John
The Lost Magician	Piers Torday	The Skylarks' War	Hilary McKay
Saffy's Angel	Hilary McKay	Armistice Runner	Tom Palmer
Mortal Engines	Philip Reeve	Millions	Frank Cottrell Boyce
Sky Hawk	Gill Lewis	Cogheart	Peter Bunzl
The Song from Somewhere Else	A F Harrold	The Mystery of the Clockwork Sparrow	Katherine Woodfine

Developing Readers

Anancy and Mr Dry-Bone	Fiona French	Artemis Fowl. The Graphic Novel	Eoin Colfer
Asterix the Gaul	Goscinny	Billionaire Boy	David Walliams
Clown	Quentin Blake	Conker	Michael Morpurgo
Count Karlstein	Philip Pullman	Daft Jack and the Beanstalk	Laurence Anholt
Diary of a Wimpy Kid	Jeff Kinney	Fantastic Mr Fox	Roald Dahl
FARThER	Grahame Baker-Smith	Fungus the Bogeyman	Raymond Briggs



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Hiccup: How to Train Your Dragon	Cressida Cowell	Juggling with Gerbils	Brian Patten
Living with Vampires	Jeremy Strong	Piggybook	Anthony Browne
Sam's Sandwich	David Pelham	Snow White in New York	Fiona French
Sterling and the Canary	Andy Stanton	Stormbreaker: The Graphic Novel	Anthony Horowitz
The Blurred Man and I Know What You Did Last Wednesday	Anthony Horowitz	The Day I Swapped My Dad for Two Goldfish	Neil Gaiman
The Journey	Francesca Sanna	The Promise	Nicola Davies and Laura Carlin
The Sad Book	Michael Rosen	The Stepsister's Story	Kaye Umansky
The Suitcase Kid	Jacqueline Wilson	The Wolves in the Wall	Neil Gaiman
Thirteen Unpredictable Tales	Paul Jennings	Town Is by the Sea	Joanna Schwartz
Vern and Lettuce	Sarah McIntyre	Voices in the Park	Anthony Browne
Wacky Wednesday	Dr Seuss	War and Peas	Michael Foreman
Where the Forest Meets the Sea	Jeannie Baker	Who's That Banging on the Ceiling?	Colin McNaughton
Willy's Pictures	Anthony Browne	You're a Bad Man, Mr Gum!	Andy Stanton

Poetry

The Highwayman	Alfred Noyes	Off Road to Everywhere	Philip Gross
Sensational! Poems inspired by the five senses	Roger McGough	Classic Poetry	Michael Rosen
Collected Poems for Children	Charles Causley	Cosmic Disco	Grace Nichols
Falling Out of the Sky. Poems about Myths and Monsters	Piercey, Rachel and Wright, Emma	Goldilocks on CCTV	John Agard
Michael Rosen's A to Z. The Best Children's Poetry from Agard to Zephaniah	Michael Rosen	The Language of Cat and other poems	Rachel Rooney



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Wonderland, Alice in Poetry	Michaela Morgan	You Tell Me	Rosen, Michael and McGough, Roger
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A Really Short History of Nearly Everything	Bill Bryson	Archie's War	Marcia Williams
Coming to England	Floella Benjamin	Corpse Talk. Season 1	Adam Murphy
Women in Science	Rachel Ignatofsky	If the World Were a Village	David J Smith
Let's Talk About Where Babies Come From	Robie H Harris	Line of Fire	Barroux
Long Walk to Freedom (picture-book)	Nelson Mandela	Maps	Aleksandra Mizielska, Daniel Mizielska
My Name is Book. An Autobiography	John Agard	My Secret War Diary, by Flossie Albright	Marcia Williams
National Theatre. All About Theatre	Marina McIntyre	Pirate Diary	Richard Platt
Shackleton's Journey	William Grill	The Complete Philosophy Files	Stephen Law
The Egyptian Echo	Paul Dowswell	The Savage Stone Age	Terry Deary
The Stick Book	Fiona Danks, Jo Schofield	The Usborne Children's Book of Art	Rosie Dickins
Think of a Number	Jonny Ball	Walter Tull's Scrapbook	Michaela Morgan
War Boy	Michael Foreman	What Mr Darwin Saw	Mick Manning
We Are All Born Free. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights in Pictures	Various	Who Are Refugees and Migrants? What Makes People Leave Their Homes?	Rose, Michael and Young, Annemarie

