Reading List

Year 5&6

Alice in Wonderland & Alice Through the Looking Glass
(Lewis Carroll)

Two lovely adventure stories about a magical Wonderland. Some have beautiful illustrations by Sir John Tenniel.

Black Beauty
(Anna Sewell)

A classic narrated by the horse about his life from his carefree days as a colt on an English farm, to pulling cabs in London, to his happy retirement in the country.

Chronicles of Ancient Darkness
(Michelle Paver)

Six stories set in the Stone Age about a young boy who can speak to wolves as he was abandoned by his father and left in a wolf den at birth.

Goodnight Mr Tom
(Michelle Magorian)

During World War 2, a young boy is evacuated to the country into the care of Mister Tom, an elderly recluse. He experiences a new life of love and care, in contrast to the abuse he receives at home in London.

Journey to the River Sea
(Eva Ibbotson)

Beautifully written. A girl goes to live with spoilt cousins in the Amazon.

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Mortal Engines
(Philip Reeve)

Huge, motorised cities fight for survival in a post-apocalyptic future.

Neverending Story
(Michael Ende)

Bastian is nobody's idea of a hero, least of all his own. Through the pages of an old book he discovers a mysterious magical world - a world of dragons, monsters, witches and giants. A world that is doomed unless a human can save it.

Rooftoppers, Impossible Creatures, The Wolf Wylder
(Katherine Rundell)

Rundell is a critically acclaimed, award-winning author and academic known for children's adventure novels that explore themes of survival, nature, and wonder.

The Hobbit
(JRR Tolkien)

A hobbit enjoys his peaceful life until it is interrupted by a surprise visit by a wizard named Gandalf, who takes him on a magic quest.

The Princess Bride
(William Goldman)

The Princess Bride is a love story between Westley and Buttercup. Westley is known by Buttercup as "farm boy" when he works on Buttercup's family's farm. A beloved twentieth-century classic and a charming, whimsical tale.

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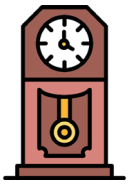
The Wizard of Oz
(Frank Baum)

Dorothy and her dog, Toto, are whisked away to the magical land of Oz. On an enchanting adventure, Dorothy must follow the yellow brick road to find the Wizard of Oz.



Tom's Midnight Garden
(Philippa Pearce)

Tom is staying with elderly relatives due to illness. He is very bored. One night he hears the grandfather clock strike 13. He sets off to investigate and meets the ghost, Hatty.

When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit
(Judith Kerr)

Semi-autobiographical novel from the author of Mog. Recounts her escape from Nazi Germany through Switzerland, France and finally London.

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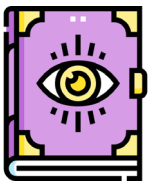
Year 6 Extension

The Lie Tree
(Frances Hardinge)

Faith's father is found dead in mysterious circumstances, and she finds that a strange tree may hold the answers. An atmospheric, magical, and gothic mystery novel.

The Northern Lights
(Philip Pullman)

Follow the story of Lyra and her daemon, as they encounter armoured polar bears and witches, and uncover the mystery of 'Dust'.



Artemis Fowl
(Eoin Colfer)

Twelve-year-old criminal mastermind Artemis Fowl has discovered a world below ground of armed and dangerous—and extremely high-tech—fairies.

The Hunger Games
(Suzanne Collins)

Set in the dystopian near future, 24 children are forced to appear in a live survival event with only one winner. Katniss Everdeen must fight for her life.

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Animal Farm
(George Orwell)

Farmyard animals of the Manor Farm live poorly and so they revolt against their human master.

The Book Thief
(Markus Zusak)

A young orphan is taught to read and grows to love books, enough so that she rescues one from a Nazi bonfire.