
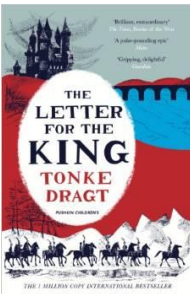



## GARDEN FIELDS JMI SCHOOL SUGGESTED READING LIST – Year 5



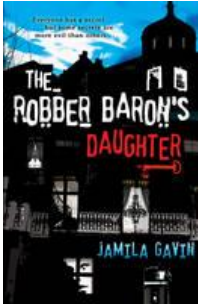

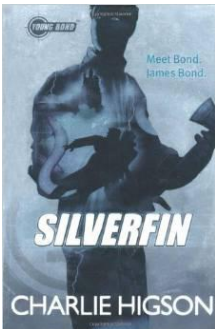
The following book list contains titles to appeal to children aged 9-10 in Year 5. It is not intended to be an exhaustive list, but merely a suggested guide. The books consist of a range of titles suitable for all ability ranges within this age group, including reluctant readers and the most able. Most of these books are available in the school library.

	<p><b>Not As We Know It by Tom Avery</b></p> <p>Jamie and Ned are twins. They do everything together: riding their bikes, beachcombing outside their house, watching their favourite episodes of Star Trek. But Ned is sick, and one day, he may leave Jamie behind. When they discover a strange creature on the beach, Ned wants one more adventure and decides to keep him secretly in their garage. But Jamie begins to hope that the creature might bring some miracle, and stop his brother from going where he can no longer follow...</p>
	<p><b>Urban Outlaws by Peter Jay Black</b></p> <p>In a bunker hidden deep beneath London live five extraordinary kids: meet world-famous hacker Jack, gadget geek Charlie, free runner Slink, comms chief Obi and decoy diva Wren. They're not just friends; they're Urban Outlaws. They outsmart London's crime gangs and hand out their dirty money through Random Acts of Kindness (R.A.K.s). Their latest mission - hacking the bank account of criminal mastermind Del Sarto - has landed them in serious trouble. Del Sarto is going head-to-head with MI5 for control of Proteus, an advanced quantum computer able to crack any code and steal top-secret documents in nanoseconds. It's down to the Urban Outlaws to use their guile, guts and skill to destroy Proteus, avert world domination ...and stay alive.</p>
	<p><b>Cloud Busting by Malorie Blackman</b></p> <p>Despite his Mum's insistence, Sam doesn't want to be friends with Davey, he thinks Davey's a first class, grade A, top of the dung heap moron. But one day Davey saves Sam's life and a bond is formed between them. Sam is still embarrassed to be seen with Davey, but little by little he has to admit, when it's just the two of them, Davey is a lot of fun. But then something terrible happens to Davey. . . Told in verse, in first person, this is the touching story of an extraordinary friendship, that changes two boys lives for ever. An uplifting tale that truly sings out.</p>
	<p><b>The Deadly Dare Mysteries by Malorie Blackman</b></p> <p>Three gripping mysteries from the Children's Laureate. In <i>Deadly Dare</i>, there's a new craze at Theo and Ricky's school. The rules are simple: write a dare, put it in the bag and take turns to pick one out. But on the night Ricky does his dare and enters the deserted warehouse, he disappears. What really happened to Ricky - and how much does new girl Angela know? Theo needs to find the answers before it's too late ...There's nothing unusual about getting emails from your dad ...unless he died a few months ago. In <i>Computer Ghost</i> Jade asks Theo, Ricky and Angela to help her find out what's going on. Could the mysterious, desperate messages really be from a ghost? One thing's for sure. Whoever is behind them wants something badly - and they'll stop at nothing to get it ...Theo, Ricky and Angela have to become <i>Lie Detectives</i> to uncover the truth about top inventor, Darius Marriott, after he comes to give a talk at school and collapses. Who is out to get him, and why does their friend Bullet seem so involved? They're determined to get to the bottom of it all - but that could prove to be much more dangerous than they think ...</p>

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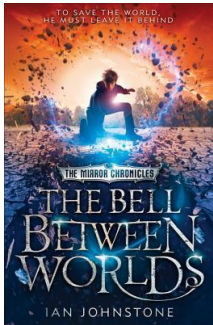
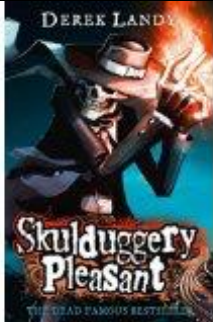
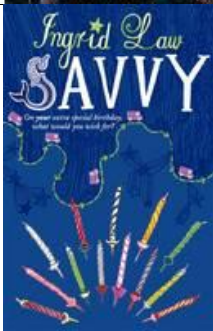

	<p><b>Harald Hardnut by Tony Bradman</b></p> <p>Harald Hardnut was a Viking outlaw, but he became an emperor's bodyguard, a princess's husband and, at last, a king. Based on the life of a real historical figure. Great for reluctant readers.</p>
	<p><b>The Chocolate Box Girls: Cherry Crush by Cathy Cassidy</b></p> <p>Cherry Costello's life is about to change forever. She and Dad are moving to Somerset where a new mum and a bunch of brand-new sisters await. And on Cherry's first day there she meets Shay Fletcher - the kind of boy who should carry a government health warning. But Shay already has a girlfriend, Cherry's new stepsister, Honey. Cherry <i>knows</i> her friendship with Shay is dangerous - it could destroy everything. But that doesn't mean she's going to stay away from him... (Series.)</p>
	<p><b>Ruby Redfort: Look Into My Eyes by Lauren Child</b></p> <p>Super sleuthing Ruby Redfort is a fast-talking, fast-thinking 13 year old girl whose sharp eye for the unexpected leads her on some fantastic adventures – especially after she is recruited by a secret agency... (Series.)</p>
	<p><b>The Letter for the King by Tonke Dragt</b></p> <p>Disturbed during the night of contemplation before he is made a knight, sixteen-year-old Turi is handed a letter which must be secretly delivered. Keeping his identity hidden and keeping the letter safe at all times, Turi travels through deadly danger in which survival depends on adhering to the chivalric codes of courage, friendship and honesty.</p>
	<p><b>Flour Babies by Anne Fine</b></p> <p>When the annual school science fair comes round, Mr Cartwright's class don't get the soap factory, or the maggot farm, or the exploding custard tins. They get the flour babies - sweet little bags of flour that must be treated gently.</p>

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	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Dragon Rider by Cornelia Funke</b></p> <p>Firedrake, a brave young dragon, his loyal brownie friend Sorrel and a lonely boy called Ben embark on a magical journey to find the legendary place where silver dragons can live in peace for ever. Along the way they discover extraordinary new friends and a courage they never knew they had. Just as well, for the greatest enemy of all is never far behind them - a heartless monster from the past who's been waiting a very long time to destroy the last dragons on earth.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Owl Service by Alan Garner</b></p> <p>It all begins with the scratching in the ceiling. From the moment Alison discovers the dinner service in the attic, with its curious pattern of floral owls, a chain of events is set in progress that is to effect everybody's lives. Relentlessly, Alison, her step-brother Roger and Welsh boy Gwyn are drawn into the replay of a tragic Welsh legend – a modern drama played out against a background of ancient jealousies. As the tension mounts, it becomes apparent that only by accepting and facing the situation can it be resolved. A classic, combining mystery, adventure, history and a complex set of human relationships.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Robber Baron's Daughter by Jamila Gavin</b></p> <p>From the dark of the Bulgarian underworld to the grandeur of central London, what you don't know can't harm you. Or so Nettie believes. Nettie lives a privileged life in a mansion and she is adored by her parents. But her world shatters when her beloved tutor, Miss Kovachev, mysteriously disappears from the Round Tower. Does the ghost in the shadows of Nettie's house have something to do with it? Will spooky Great-Aunt Laetitia help her piece together the fragments? And why won't her parents tell her anything? Everyone has a facade. Everyone has a secret. An unputdownable and haunting mystery.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tunnels by Roderick Gordon</b></p> <p>Fourteen-year-old Will Burrows lives with his family in London. He has little in common with them except for a passion for digging which he shares with his father. When his father suddenly disappears down an unknown tunnel, Will decides to investigate with his friend Chester. Soon they find themselves deep underground, where they unearth a dark and terrifying secret - a secret which may cost them their lives. This book is about an exhilarating, spine-tingling journey to a hidden and menacing world deep beneath the streets of London.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Silverfin by Charlie Higson</b></p> <p>Before the name became a legend. Before the boy became a man. Meet Bond. James Bond. There's something in the water at Loch Silverfin. Something deadly. Something that must be kept secret... It's James Bond's first day at Eton, and he's already met his first enemy. This is the start of an adventure that will take him from the school playing fields to the remote shores of Loch Silverfin and a terrifying discovery that threatens to unleash a new breed of warfare. The first in The Young Bond series.</p>



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	<p><b>Alex Rider: Stormbreaker</b> by Anthony Horowitz</p> <p>When his guardian dies in suspicious circumstances, fourteen-year-old Alex Rider finds his world turned upside down. Forcibly recruited into MI6, Alex has to take part in gruelling SAS training exercises. Then, armed with his own special set of secret gadgets, he's off on his first mission to Cornwall, where Middle-Eastern multi-billionaire Herod Sayle is producing his state-of-the-art Stormbreaker computers. Sayle has offered to give one free to every school in the country - but there's more to the gift than meets the eye. Alex performs deeds of unimaginable daring, faces terrible danger – and lives to tell the tale. (Series.)</p>
	<p><b>The Bell Between Worlds</b> by Ian Johnston</p> <p>Half of your soul is missing. The lost part is in the mirror. And unless Syllas Tate can save you, you will never be whole again. Syllas Tate leads a lonely existence since his mother died. But then the tolling of a giant bell draws him into another world known as the Other, where he discovers not only that he has an inborn talent for the nature-influenced magic of the Fourth Way, but also that his mother might just have come from this strange parallel place. Meanwhile, evil forces are stirring, and an astounding revelation awaits Syllas as to the true nature of the Other. As violence looms and the stakes get ever higher, Syllas must seek out a girl called Naeo who might just be the other half of his soul - otherwise the entire universe may fall...</p>
	<p><b>Skulduggery Pleasant</b> by Derek Landy</p> <p>A hugely original and funny fantasy, this tells of the magician Skulduggery who is urbane, sophisticated, well dressed and, as you might guess from his name, dead. Skulduggery has a youthful helper, Stephanie and together they set out to solve the mystery surrounding a sudden death.</p>
	<p><b>Savvy</b> by Ingrid Law</p> <p>For Mibs Beaumont's family, the day of their thirteenth birthday could be an adventure or a disaster. It's when they get an extra-special talent. But on Mibs' special day, their Poppa lies in a coma in hospital, and she has to reach him. The only way to get there is on the pink Bible bus, so, adventure or disaster, Mibs is getting on that bus.</p>
	<p><b>Shadow</b> by Michael Morpurgo</p> <p>In this passionate and touching story, the interlinked fortunes of an Afghan boy and the dog who helped him to escape from his war torn country and find sanctuary in the UK is full of emotion and tension. Now in detention in the UK and facing deportation with his mother, despite having lived safely in the UK for six years, Aman tells his desperate story to his friend Matt's grandpa. Sensing the injustice of it all, Grandpa campaigns furiously to ensure Aman and his mother a secure future.</p>

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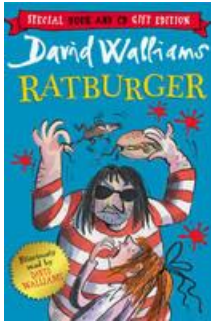
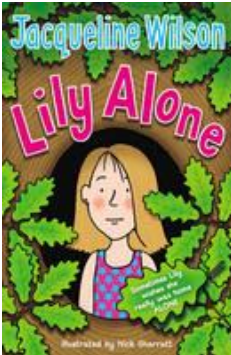
	<p><b>War Horse by Michael Morpurgo</b></p> <p>In the deadly chaos of the First World War, one horse witnesses the reality of battle from both sides of the trenches. Bombarded by artillery, with bullets knocking riders from his back, Joey tells a powerful story of the truest friendships surviving in terrible times. The bedlam of battle had begun. All around me men cried and fell to the ground, and horses reared and screamed in an agony of fear and pain. The shells whined and roared overhead, and every explosion seemed like an earthquake to us. One horse has the seen the best and the worst of humanity. The power of war and the beauty of peace. This is his story.</p>
	<p><b>Midnight for Charlie Bone by Jenny Nimmo</b></p> <p>An Academy for magic and special talents. A destiny unfulfilled. A secret legacy.</p> <p>Since his father died, Charlie Bone has lived with his mother and her mother, in the house of his other grandmother, Grandma Bone. Looking at a picture of a couple with a baby and a cat, he suddenly discovers he can hear their voices. Although he tries to hide his new gift, Grandma Bone and her scary sisters soon find out, and send him to Bloor's Academy. Charlie quickly finds life at Bloor's pretty tough, with its strict rules and the malevolent head boy, Manfred, set against him. When Charlie discovers that the child in the photograph is being held, hypnotised, against her will, he and his new friends with 'gifts' try to awaken her. But can they overcome Manfred's sinister hypnotic gifts? (Series.)</p>
	<p><b>Wonder by R. J. Palacio</b></p> <p>Auggie wants to be an ordinary ten-year-old. He does ordinary things - eating ice cream, playing on his Xbox. He <i>feels</i> ordinary - inside. But ordinary kids don't make other ordinary kids run away screaming in playgrounds. Ordinary kids aren't stared at wherever they go. Born with a terrible facial abnormality, Auggie has been home-schooled by his parents his whole life. Now, for the first time, he's being sent to a real school - and he's dreading it. All he wants is to be accepted - but can he convince his new classmates that he's just like them, underneath it all?</p>
	<p><b>Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson</b></p> <p>This is the story of a special friendship between a two lonely children, Jess and Leslie. Together they create an imaginary land called Terabithia, which they reach by swinging over a creek on a rope. In this wonderland they seek escape from the difficulties of the real world and also learn how to cope. Until one day, tragedy strikes and their imaginary world is seemingly torn apart forever.</p>
	<p><b>The Chronicles of Ancient Darkness: Wolf Brother by Michelle Paver</b></p> <p>Six thousand years ago. Evil stalks the land. Only twelve-year-old Torak and his wolf-cub companion can defeat it. Their journey together takes them through deep forests, across giant glaciers, and into dangers they never imagined. In this page-turning, original, and spectacularly told adventure story, Torak and Wolf are joined by an incredible cast of characters as they battle to save their world. (Series.)</p>

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	<p><b>Dark Materials Trilogy: Northern Lights</b> by Phillip Pullman</p> <p>Part one of Philip Pullman’s magnificent trilogy. His ‘Dark Materials’, is the story of Lyra, a young girl with an exceptional destiny. Brought up in Jordan College, Oxford Lyra uncovers a secret about her mysterious guardian which leads to some dangerous questioning. It also marks the beginning of Lyra’s search for her friend Roger, a search that takes her to the ice kingdoms of the North where armoured bears rule. Lyra’s courage and stubborn determination lead her on this mission of incredible danger in this brilliant and imaginative story.</p>
	<p><b>Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban</b> by J. K. Rowling</p> <p>When the Knight Bus crashes through the darkness and screeches to a halt in front of him, it’s the start of another far from ordinary year at Hogwarts for Harry Potter. Sirius Black, escaped mass-murderer and follower of Lord Voldemort, is on the run - and they say he is coming after Harry. In his first ever Divination class, Professor Trelawney sees an omen of death in Harry’s tea leaves . But perhaps most terrifying of all are the Dementors patrolling the school grounds, with their soul-sucking kiss.</p>
	<p><b>Black Beauty</b> by Anna Sewell</p> <p>When his beloved owners are forced to sell him, Black Beauty leaves his life as a young, care-free colt behind him and embarks on a working life of misery. Cruelly treated by his new masters, Anna Sewell rails against animal mistreatment in this poignant tale of a horse whose spirit can not be broken.</p>
	<p><b>Big Game</b> by Dan Smith</p> <p>Thirteen year old Oskari sets out into the wilderness of his Finnish homeland as part of an ancient trial of manhood. He’s small, a bit clumsy and no-one expects him to do well, least of all himself. But events take an unexpected and highly dramatic turn: terrorists shoot down Air Force One over Oskari’s forest and it falls to him to save the US president. In a series of explosive adventure scenes, Oskari uses all his survival and hunting skills to prove himself.</p>
	<p><b>Ballet Shoes</b> by Noel Streatfeild</p> <p>‘I wonder . . . if other girls had to be one of us, which of us they’d choose to be?’          Pauline longs to be an actress.          Petrova is happiest playing with cars and engines.          And if she could . . . Posy would dance all day!          But when their benefactor Great-Uncle Matthew disappears, the Fossil girls share a future of a dazzling life on stage, where their dreams and fears will soon come true . . .</p>



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	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Awful Auntie by David Walliams</b></p> <p>Aunt Alberta is on a mission to cheat the young Lady Stella Saxby out of her inheritance - Saxby Hall. But with mischievous and irrepressible Soot, the cockney ghost of a chimney sweep, alongside her Stella is determined to fight back...And sometimes a special friend, however different, is all you need to win through.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Ratburger by David Walliams</b></p> <p>Another hilarious, action-packed and touching novel - the story of a little girl called Zoe. Things are not looking good for Zoe. Her stepmother Sheila is so lazy she gets Zoe to pick her nose for her. The school bully Tina Trotts makes her life a misery - mainly by flobbing on her head. And now the evil Burt from Burt's Burgers is after her pet rat! And guess what he wants to do with it? The clue is in the title...</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Lily Alone by Jacqueline Wilson</b></p> <p>Lily isn't home alone - but she sort of wishes she was; looking after her three younger siblings is a lot of responsibility. When Mum goes off on holiday with her new boyfriend and her stepdad fails to show up, Lily is determined to keep the family together and show they can cope without any grown-ups. But taking care of 6-year-old twins, her 3-year-old sister and the family's flat feels overwhelming and Lily is worried that school or social services might discover their situation and break up the family. What could be better than to take all the little ones for a camping adventure in the park? Plenty of space to run about, no carpet to vacuum, and surely no chance anyone will guess they're there...</p>