

Years 5 & 6
Hall Grove Reading List
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By Years 5 and 6 children should have definite favourites – favourite authors, genres and characters – but should be looking to discover new things all the time. These two years are crucial to the continued development of good reading habits and, despite the many other time pressures on all young people, time must be made to settle down with a good book and get into reading. This is an end in itself – giving pleasure, enjoyment and satisfaction without the need for anything other than somewhere to read – but it is also the foundation of real intellectual development.

Most of the list consists of fiction – some texts aimed at this age group in particular, others a little more challenging technically. There is a range of non-fiction and poetry in this list, and I would particularly appreciate further suggestions from parents of books your children have enjoyed. Within this list I have aimed for breadth – of style, of genre, of difficulty. I have also grouped the texts under three headings to make it easier to select approximately appropriate levels – although this is partially to do with difficulty, it is also concerned with the quantity of text and level of commitment needed to read it; consequently the list is not prescriptive and a Year 6 child should feel happy to look at the level 1 section and vice versa. The lists for younger and older children are also available through the school web-site – www.hallgrove.co.uk – go to the Academic section, English, and there are links to all Reading Lists on the right of the page.

This list is revised to take account of the deluge of new books that can threaten to overwhelm. Please let me know if you find errors, feel that there are important omissions, or wish to simply comment on these; perhaps more importantly if you have recommendations as you and your child discover a new book I'd be delighted to know about this.

It is always worth looking in newspapers, magazines and web-sites for recommended new books. You may find www.lovereadng.co.uk and www.lovereadng4kids.co.uk (the children's section) useful websites – these have extracts from new books, discounts on books and regular email newsletters to keep you informed. Also recently published is *1001 Books You Must Read Before You Grow Up*, edited by Julia Eccleshare – I've found this sending me back to books I loved as a child, and making new discoveries. It's part of the '1001' series, all interesting lists of recommendations for albums, films, books, buildings and so on.

I would recommend the following authors as worthy of investigation at any time; if you see a book of theirs you can be sure that it is well written and interesting. These do cover a range of reading abilities and some are more suitable for an older readership.

David Almond
Anne Fine
Alan Garner
Eva Ibbotson
Michael Morpurgo
David Walliams

Terry Pratchett
Phillip Pullman
J K Rowling
Douglas Adams
Ray Bradbury

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Level 1

Enid Blyton Famous Five Series
 Gillian Cross The Demon Headmaster (series)
 Roald Dahl The Witches (and others)
 Nicholas Fisk The Space Hostages
 Trillions
 E Garnett The Family From One-End Street
 Adele Geras The Fantora Family Files
 The Fantora Family Photographs
 Goscinnny & Uderzo Asterix The Gaul series
 Hergé Tintin series
 Ted Hughes The Iron Man
 Diana Kimpton The Pony-Mad Princess
 Dick King-Smith The Hedgehog
 The Fox Busters
 The Sheep Pig (and many others)
 N Langley The Land Of Green Ginger
 Astrid Lindgren Pippi Longstocking
 Michael Lawrence The Killer Underpants
 Maggot Pie
 Jan Mark Hairs in the Palm of the Hand
 The Dead Letter Box.
 David Melling The Kiss That Missed
 Jill Murphy The Worst Witch series
 Alf Prøysen Mrs Pepperpot stories
 Philip Ridley Krindlekrax
 Francesca Simon Horrid Henry series
 Dodie Smith 101 Dalmatians
 Paul Stewart & Chris Riddell Fergus Crane
 J R Townsend Gumble's Yard
 E B White Charlotte's Web

Level 2

Joan Aiken A Kingdom Under The Sea
 Black Hearts In Battersea
 Midnight Is The Place
 The Wolves Of Willoughby Chase
 Nick Arnold Horrible Science series
 Nina Bawden The Peppermint Pig
 Carrie's War
 Malorie Blackman Cloud Busting
 Lucy Boston The Children of Green Knowe
 Frank Cottrell Boyce Millions
 Framed
 Cosmic
 Betsy Byars The Midnight Fox
 Lewis Carroll Alice's Adventures in Wonderland
 Alice Through the Looking Glass
 Bob Cattell Glory Gardens series
 Eoin Colfer Artemis Fowl series
 Susan Cooper Silver On The Tree
 Helen Cresswell Lizzie Dripping
 Moondial
 Vince Cross My Story: Blitz – The Diary Of Edie
 Benson (and other My Story books -
 various authors)
 Roald Dahl Danny The Champion Of The World
 C Dann The Animals Of Farthing Wood
 Terry Deary Horrible Histories series
 P Dickinson A Box Of Nothing
 The Seventh Raven
 Roddy Doyle The Giggler Treatment
 Jim Eldridge My Story: Armada – Thomas Hobbs
 Anne Fine Madam Doubtfire
 Goggle Eyes
 Nicholas Fisk Trillions
 Michael Foreman War Boy: A Country Childhood.
 Neil Gaiman Coraline
 Alan Garner The Owl Service
 Elidor

Alan Gibbons Whose Side Are You On?
 Morris Gleitzman Blabbermouth
 Toad Rage
 The Other Facts of Life
 probably NOT Once. or Then – both
 Holocaust books, very good, but parents
 should check for suitability, probably 11+
 Debi Gliori Pure Dead Magic
 Pure Dead Wicked
 Kes Gray Nelly The Monster Sitter – Greks,
 Squirms & Water Greeps (series)
 Carl Hiaason Hoot
 Russell Hoban The Mouse and his Child
 Frances Hodgson
 Burnett The Secret Garden
 Anthony Horowitz Three of Diamonds (collection)
 The Falcon's Malteser
 Stormbreaker
 Norman Hunter The Incredible Adventures of Professor
 Branestawm
 Eva Ibbotson Which Witch? (series)
 The Secret of Platform 13
 Terry Jones The Knight and the Squire
 The Lady and the Squire
 Diana Wynne Jones Charmed Life
 Norton Juster The Phantom Tollbooth
 Gene Kemp The Clock Tower Ghost
 The Turbulent Term of Tyke Tyler
 Rudyard Kipling The Jungle Book
 Puck of Pook's Hill
 Judith Kerr When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit
 Clive King Stig of the Dump
 C S Lewis The Chronicles of Narnia Series
 P Lively The Ghost Of Thomas Kempe
 Whispering Knights
 Going Back
 Michelle Magorian Goodnight Mr Tom
 Back Home
 Cliff McNish Doomspell
 Michael Morpugo The Amazing Story Of Adolphus Tips
 Little Foxes
 The Sleeping Sword
 Arthur: High King of Britain
 The Butterfly Lion
 E E Nesbitt The Railway Children
 The Phoenix and the Carpet
 Jenny Nimmo The Snow Spider
 Midnight for Charlie Bone
 The Borrowers Series
 Robert O'Brien Mrs Frisby and the Rats of NIMH
 Garry Paulsen Hatchet series
 Philippa Pearce Tom's Midnight Garden
 A Dog So Small
 Rodman Philbrick Freak The Almighty
 Kjartan Poskitt Murderous Maths (series)
 Terry Pratchett Truckers / Diggers / Wings
 (also billed as The Bromeliad trilogy)
 Only You Can Save Mankind
 Johnny and the Dead
 Philip Pullman Clockwork
 The Ruby in the Smoke (series)
 Ian Serraillier The Silver Sword
 Dodie Smith The Starlight Barking
 Lemony Snicket A Series of Unfortunate Events series
 Jerry Spinelli Stargirl
 Wringer
 Paul Stewart & Chris Riddell Corby Flood
 Hugo Pepper
 P L Travers Mary Poppins (series)
 Robert Westall Blitzcat

Jacqueline Wilson The Machine Gunners
Girls In Love
Lola Rose

Level 3

Richard Adams Watership Down
Louisa M Alcott Little Women
David Almond Skellig
Heaven Eyes
Kit's Wilderness

Philip Ardagh Awful End and others
Natalie Babbitt Tuck Everlasting
Theresa Breslin Whispers in the Graveyard
Susan Cooper The Dark is Rising series
Daniel Defoe Robinson Crusoe
Leon Garfield The Ghost Downstairs
Smith

Anne Frank The Diary of Anne Frank
Cornelia Funke The Thief Lord
Inkheart

Alan Garner The Weirdstone of Brisingamen
Rider Haggard King Solomon's Mines
C Harnett The Wool-Pack
Ruby Holler Sharon Creech
Anne Holm I Am David
Eva Ibbotson Journey to the River Sea
Brian Jacques Redwall (series)
Robin Jarvis The Deptford Mice (series)
The Whitby Witches
The Alchemist's Cat

Captain W E Johns Biggles series
Erich Kastner Emil and the Detectives
Roger

Lancelyn-Green Tales of Greek Heroes
The Adventures Of Robin Hood

Caroline Lawrence The Roman Mysteries series
Ursula Le Guin A Wizard Of Earthsea (part of the Earthsea
Quartet)

Penelope Lively Astercote
Jack London White Fang
The Call of the Wild

Adeline Yen Mah Chinese Cinderella
Margaret Mahy The Haunting
John Masefield The Midnight Folk
The Box of Delights

Michael Morpurgo Private Peaceful
Pat O'Shea The Hounds of the Morrigan
Michelle Paver Wolf Brother

Christopher Paolini Eragon
Terry Pratchett Discworld series
Willard Price Arctic Adventure (and others)
Philip Pullman Northern Lights (part 1 of His Dark
Materials trilogy)

Arthur Ransome Swallows and Amazons (and others)
Phillip Reeve Mortal Engines (and others)
J K Rowling Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire
(and others)

Salman Rushdie Haroun and the Sea of Stories
Christopher Russell Brind and the Dogs of War
Louis Sachar Holes

Robert Louis Stevenson Treasure Island
Kidnapped!

Paul Stewart &
Chris Riddell The Edge Chronicles
Muddle Earth

Noel Streatfield The Painted Garden
The Swish of the Curtain

Rosemary Sutcliffe Beowulf: Dragonslayer
Black Ships Before Troy
The Eagle of the Ninth

Robert Swindells Room 13

Sandi Toksvig Hitler's Canary
J R R Tolkein The Hobbit
Mark Twain The Adventures of Tom Sawyer
The Prince And The Pauper

Alison Uttley A Traveller in Time
T H White The Sword In The Stone
Henry Williamson Tarka The Otter