

CM2 RECOMMENDED READING LIST

FICTION

Philip Ardagh **The Eddie Dickens Trilogy**

Hilariously funny. If you like the Mr. Gum series, you will like these. The three books, Awful End, Dreadful Acts, and Terrible Times tell the story of Eddie Dickens in a series of strange adventures.

Malorie Blackman **Tell Me No Lies**

Gemma longs for her lost mother. Mike, the new boy to the area has a terrible secret to hide. A secret about his missing mother. Gemma and Mike have both been hurt by the past and the effect they are about to have on each other's lives will be explosive.

Betsy Byars **The Midnight Fox**

Tom would do anything not to have to stay on Aunt Millie's farm while his parents are away—he likes the city and hates climbing trees. But, once there he discovers a rare black fox with green eyes, living with her cubs in the forest.

Zizou Corder **Lionboy**

A boy is able to speak the language of cats when he is scratched by a lion as a baby. Years later, his scientist parents are captured. Rivals J. K. Rowling.

Gillian Cross **The Demon Headmaster series**

Something is wrong at Dinah's new school with all of the pupils acting in exactly the same way. Fun, fun, fun with excellent sequels.

Kevin Crossley-Holland Arthur – **The Seeing Stone**

Young Arthur de Caldicott is anxious to grow up, spread his wings and become a knight. But for now he must content himself with the life he has with his family and friends. One day one of these friends, the old and mysterious Merlin, gives Arthur a special stone, and from that moment his life becomes entwined with that of King Arthur himself...

Roald Dahl **Boy**

The remarkable story of Roald Dahl's early years at school and with his family. Like his stories, Dahl's childhood tales are unmissable. Illustrated by Quentin Blake.

Emily Diamond **Reaver's Ransom**

One kidnapped child, one talking jewel, a wild adventure begins...

Anne Fine **The Tulip Touch**

Nobody wants Tulip in their gang. She skives off school, cheeks the teachers and makes herself unpopular with her classmates by telling awful lies. None of this matters to Natalie who finds Tulip exciting...

Jamelia Gavin **The Blood Stone**

Filippo travels from Venice to Afghanistan to rescue his imprisoned father. On the way he must stop in India to sell the precious blood stone in order to pay the ransom...

Anthony Horowitz **Stormbreaker**

Meet Alex Rider, the teenage super spy. Dragged unwillingly from his safe normal life, Alex is thrown head first into a series of extraordinary adventures. Series includes: Stormbreaker, Point Blanc, Skeleton Key, Eagles Strike, Scorpia, Ark Angel, Snakehead, Crocodile Tears.

Eva Ibbotsen **Journey to the River Sea**

Maia, accompanied by the straightbacked Miss Minton, leaves the familiar comforts of her boarding school to start a new life with distant relatives who live 1000 miles from the mouth of the Amazon. Both soon discover an exotic world bursting with new experiences beyond their imagination.

Brian Jacques **Tales of Redwall** Series

Brilliant! A series of books featuring the epic adventures of gangs of mice and other animals.

C.S. Lewis **The Chronicles of Narnia**

A group of children travel to a fantastical world in which they are far more than mere children.

Jack London **Call of the Wild**

The tale of a dog's fight for survival in the harsh and frozen North. One of the greatest animal books ever written. White Fang is also a brilliant read.

Michelle Magorian **Goodnight Mr. Tom**

The gruff and surly Mr Thomas Oakley is less than pleased when he is landed with a scrawny little city boy as a guest, but because it is compulsory that each villager takes in an evacuee he reluctantly agrees. It soon becomes obvious to Mister Tom that young Willie Beech is hiding something, and as the pair begin to form an unlikely bond and Willie grows in stature and confidence he begins to forget the past. But when he has to return to war-torn London...

Michael Morpurgo **Kensuke's Kingdom**

Michael's parents buy a yacht, and take him off to sail round the world. Washed overboard in a fierce storm, Michael finds himself on the shore of a remote island - and soon discovers he's not alone...

Rita Murphy **Black Angels**

A powerful story of growing up amid the racism of 1960s America.

Jenny Nimmo **Charlie Bone** series

Magical fantasy books about a boy who has the power to hear people in photographs talking.

Philippa Pearce **Tom's Midnight Garden**

When Tom is sent to his aunt's house for the summer he resigns himself to weeks of boredom. Lying awake one night he listens to the grandfather clock in the hall strike every hour. Eleven . . . Twelve . . . Thirteen. Thirteen! Tom rushes down the stairs and opens the back door. There, awaiting him is a beautiful garden. A garden that shouldn't exist...

Philip Pullman **His Dark Materials Trilogy**

Lyra and her animal daemon set off to the frozen lands of the Arctic in this un-put-downable adventure story. Ruby in the Smoke and Clockwork also well worth a read.

J. K. Rowling **Harry Potter** series

Miss them at your peril. And then watch the films for good measure.

Arthur Ransome **Swallows and Amazons**

The story of four children—John, Susan, Titty and Roger who set out in their boat (the Swallow of the title) to an island of adventure.

Lynne Reid Banks **The Indian in the Cupboard**

For Omri, it is a dream come true when the plastic American Indian he locks into the old cupboard comes to life. Little Bull is everything an Indian brave should be -- proud, fearless and defiant. But being in charge of a real, live, human being is a heavy responsibility, as Omri soon discovers.

Philip Ridley **Mighty Fizz Chilla**

Milo Kick is no longer Mum's little angel. When he is sent away to stay with an old family friend, Cressida Bell, Milo becomes obsessed with a tale that will change his life. It is the story of Mighty fizz chilla.

Rick Riordan **Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief**

The story of the son of a Greek God who just wanted to be an ordinary kid. One day he vaporises his maths teacher...

Ian Serrallier **The Silver Sword**

The night the Nazis come to take their mother away, three children escape in a terrifying scramble across the rooftops. Alone in the chaos of Warsaw, they have to learn how to survive on their own.

Louis Sacher **Holes**

A miscarriage of justice sees Stanley sent to a juvenile centre to dig holes. Compulsive reading.

Jacqueline Wilson **The Suitcase Kid**

Ten year old Andy is struggling to cope with her parents' divorce. She must leave the house that she loves with the mulberry tree in the front yard and deal with parents who still fight, stepparents, step-siblings and two different bedrooms (neither of which is really hers).

SOME IDEAS FOR NON FICTION

Check out:

The Horrible History series – loads of fun factual learning, with the gory bits!

Dorling Kindersley Eyewitness series – choose your subject! Informative, well formatted books covering a range of historical and scientific subjects.

SUGGESTED INTERNET READING LISTS

<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/reading-lists-for-ks2-school-pupils/suggested-reading-list-for-year-5-pupils-ks2-age-9-10/>

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