Year 5 and 6: Summer Holiday Reading Lists 2019

The aim of a summer reading list is to encourage as much reading as possible over the summer break. There are a number of genres represented, some of which will even help you complete this summer's Book Bingo!

For children going into Year 5:

A Pinch of Magic by Michelle Harrison

Three sisters trapped by an ancient curse. Three magical objects with the power to change their fate. Will they be enough to break the curse? Or will they lead the sisters even deeper into danger?

The Legend of Podkin One Ear by Kieran Larwood

Podkin is the son of a warrior chieftain. He knows that one day it will be up to him to lead his warren and guard it in times of danger. But for now, he's quite happy to laze around annoying his older sister Paz, and playing with his baby brother Pook.

The Umbrella Mouse by Anna Fargher

A heart-stopping adventure drawing on the true stories of animals caught in the conflict of WWII.

Armistice Runner by Tom Palmer

Running is what Lily is good at and fell-running is what she loves. But what she doesn't realise is that this talent was passed to her from someone very important – her great-great-grandfather Ernest, an unsung hero of WWI.

Julius Zebra: Rumble with the Romans by Gary Northfield

From a smelly watering hole deep in the heart of the Serengeti to the ferocious clamour of the Colosseum, join Julius Zebra and his motley menagerie of friends as they gear up to be ...GLADIATORS!

Song of the Dolphin Boy by Elizabeth Laird

Finn has always been different, and in the tiny fishing village of Stromhead he sticks out like a sore thumb. Always told to keep away from the water, he's felt that something was missing until one day he dives in and finds that, swimming with the dolphins, he feels completely at home.

The Accidental Prime Minister by Tom McLaughlin

When Joe tells a local news reporter exactly what he would do if he were leader of the country, the video goes viral and Joe's speech becomes famous all over the world!

The Falcon's Malteser by Anthony Horowitz

When a dwarf comes into the office and leaves a package, Tim Diamond, the world's worst private dick, is faced with his toughest case yet.

The Boy at the Back of the Class by Onjali Q Rauf

There used to be an empty chair at the back of my class, but now a new boy called Ahmet is sitting in it. He's nine years old (just like me), but he's very strange. He never talks and never smiles and doesn't like sweets - not even lemon sherbets, which are my favourite! But then I learned the truth...

Evie and the Animals by Matt Haig

Eleven-year-old Evie has a talent. A SUPERTALENT. A talent that can let her HEAR the thoughts of an elephant, and make friends with a dog and a sparrow. The only problem is, this talent is dangerous. VERY dangerous. That's what her dad says.

Dr Proctor's Fart Powder by Jo Nesbø

Dr Proctor is an ageing inventor just waiting for his big break. When he teams up with his next-door neighbour Lise and her peculiar friend Nilli in making the world's most powerful fart powder, it seems his dream may be coming true, but the ruthless twins Truls and Trym Thrane are lurking in the background just waiting to spoil their plans

Pog by Pádraig Kenny

David and Penny's strange new home is surrounded by forest. It's the childhood home of their mother, who's recently died. But other creatures live here ... magical creatures, like tiny, hairy Pog.

For children going into Year 6:

The Imagination Box by Martyn Ford

There is a box. Anything you imagine will appear inside. You have one go, one chance to create anything you want. What would you pick?

The Secret of the Night Train by Sylvia Bishop

One small girl - one BIG adventure. When Max is sent to Istanbul to stay with her boring Great Aunt-Elodie, little does she expect to be plunged into a thrilling night-time adventure across Europe.

Malamander by Thomas Taylor

Nobody visits Eerie-on-Sea in the winter. Especially not when darkness falls and the wind howls around Maw Rocks and the wreck of the battleship Leviathan, where even now some swear they have seen the unctuous Malamander creep...

Being Miss Nobody by Tamsin Winter

Rosalind hates her new secondary school. She's the weird girl who doesn't talk. The Muteant. And it's easy to pick on someone who can't fight back. So Rosalind starts a blog

The House with Chicken Legs by Sophie Anderson

Marinka dreams of a normal life, where her house stays somewhere long enough for her to make friends. But herhouse has chicken legs and moves on without warning.

Dragon Rider by Cornelia Funke

Firedrake, a brave young dragon, embarks on a magical journey to find the legendary place where silver dragons can live in peace for ever.

Too Much Trouble by Tom Avery

Where can two boys go when they're on their own, on the run, with little money or food?

Runaway Robot by Frank Cottrell-Boyce

Alfie is off school after an accident in which he lost both his hand and his confidence. He's lonely all day on his own. So when he comes across Eric, a one-legged robot in need of a friend, he brings him home with him.

The Land of Neverendings by Kate Saunders

Emily watched, in a trance of astonishment, as the bear opened the picnic basket, took out a tartan rug and spread it on Holly's bed. And then the penguin spoke. Actually spoke.

Secrets of a Sun King by Emma Carroll

When Lilian Kaye finds a parcel on her grandad's doorstep, she is shocked to see who sent it: a famous Egyptologist, found dead that very morning, according to every newspaper in England!

The Thieves of Ostia by Caroline Lawrence

Someone is killing Ostia's dogs and Flavia is determined to find out who and why in the first of The Roman Mysteries.