

The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by  
Kate Dicamillo

Timmy Failure: Mistakes Were Made by Stephan  
Pastis

The Polar Bears Explorers Club by Alex Bell

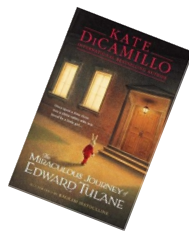
The Jamie Drake Equation by Christopher Edge

Kid Normal by Greg James and Chris Smith

The Girl of Ink and Stars by Kieran Millweed-  
Hargrave

Gaslight by Eloise Williams

Time Travelling with a Hamster by Ross  
Welford



# Recommended Reads for Year 5

This leaflet contains the ultimate reading list for your child's year group. As well as being an enjoyable pastime, reading impacts hugely on children's reading and writing ability and general learning. We encourage children to read as much as possible, both at home and in school. To assist with the difficult task of choosing a new book, we have put together a recommended reading list including popular titles and authors, new authors, award winners, poetry collections and classic titles.

## OUR TOP THREE TOPIC READS!

### Who Let the Gods Out by Maz Evans



An archaic laugh-out-loud story about a boy, Elliot, who spots a shooting star which turns out to be a deity with a lot of her mind and something unexpected and very nasty lurking under Stonehenge! The pair call on the Gods of the Greek myths to save the world and Elliot's mum. The use of funny language will engage even the most reluctant readers. A must read!

### The Wilderness War by Julia Green

This is our place and we'll fight to save it! A summer spent in the place Noah and his friends call the Wilderness, is a summer spent making dens, sleeping under the stars, and toasting marshmallows over an open fire. It's freedom. Until one day their Wilderness is sold and set for development and their dens torn down to make way for houses. For Noah and his friends this means war and they'll do anything to stop the Wilderness being destroyed.



### Voices: Diver's Daughters a Tudor Story by Patrice Laurence



This book brings Eve and her mother, who was stolen from her family in Mozambique as a child, from the Southwark slums of Elizabethan London to England's southern coast. When they hear from a Mary Rose survivor that one of the African free-divers who was sent to salvage its treasures is alive and well and living in Southampton, mother and daughter agree to try to find him and attempt to dive the wreck of another ship, rumoured to be rich with treasures. But will the pair survive when the man arrives to claim his 'share'?

## Are you eager to read one of these books but can't find it? Here are our top tips:

- Have a look in your class book corner or the library. Please note that not all of these titles are available in school; however, we are always replenishing our library areas with new and exciting authors.
- Make a request via our book request box which is located in the Key Stage 2 main library.
- Ask at the office for a copy of the registration forms for Whitstable library.
- Need more to read? Explore [www.booksfortopics.com](http://www.booksfortopics.com) which is a great website for exploring children's literature. The website makes recommendations for age-appropriate texts, matches fiction books with different learning themes and has a direct link to Amazon if you wish to buy any of them.

## Our 50 Top Reads For Year 5!

The Ship of Shadows by Maria Kuzniar

The Wolves of Willoughy by Joan Aiken

Chase by Sky Song by Abi Elphinstone

There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom by Louis Schar

The Nowhere Emporium by Ross Mackenzie

Beetle Boy by M.G Leonard

There May Be a Castle by Piers Torday

In Darkling Woods by Emma Carroll

The Night Bus Hero by Onjali Q Rauf

The Extraordinary Colours of Auden Dare by Zillah Bethell

The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett

The Witches Roald Dahl

Coraline by Neil Gaiman

The Lion and the Unicorn by Shirley Hughes

The Boy Who Swam with Piranhas by David Almond

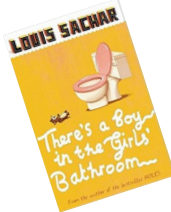
Young, Gifted and Black by Jamia Wilson

The White Giraffe by Lauren St John

The Explorer by Katherine Rundell

Operation Gadgetman by Malorie Blackman

Farther by Graham Barker-Smith



The House with Chicken Legs by Sophie Anderson

The Peppermint Pig by Nina Bawden

Black Powder by Ally Sherrick

Superhero Street by Phil Earle

Harry Potter and the Philosophers Stone by J. K Rowling

Mr Stink by David Walliams

The Legend of Podkin One Ear by Kieran Larwood

Varmints by Helen Ward

Clockwork by Phillip Pullman

The Fastest Boy in the World by Elizabeth Laird

Mold and the Poison Plot by Lorraine Gregory

Room 13 by Robert Swindells

The Astounding Broccoli Boy by Frank Cottrell Boyce

The Imaginary by A.F Harrold

Troofriend by Kirsty Applebaum

Private Peaceful by Michael Morpurgo

The Silence Seeker by Ben Morley

The Lost Thing by Shaun Tan

The London Eye Mystery by Siobhan Dowd

Five Children and IT by E. Nesbitt

