Dear Parents/ Carers,

As we are sure you are aware, as well as being an enjoyable pastime, reading impacts hugely on children's 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 suggested reading list for Year 5. This is not an exhaustive list, but it represents a cross-section of books suitable for your child.

As you are aware, children are assessed against a range of reading targets, based on the expected standards for Year 5. To help your child develop as a confident, analytical reader we have included a range of questions you could ask your child to prompt discussion about what they are reading.

To encourage your child to read regularly, we suggest the following:
● Allow your child to pursue their own interests and make own reading choices – we have a wide selection of books in school
● Set aside a quiet place and time for reading (20-30mins a day is ideal)
● Alternate 'easy' reads with more challenging texts
● Show an interest in what your child is reading – use the suggested discussion prompts
● Although most Year 5 children will choose to read independently, try to make some time to read with/to your child

Suggested Discussion Prompts:

What do you think is going to happen next?

What questions would you ask your favourite character?

What might this character have been thinking?

Choose a word to describe this character and explain why you chose it.

Can you find any powerful verbs?

Why has the author chosen to use specific vocabulary? What is the effect of this?

Can you think of another story that is similar to this one?

Why do you think the author chose this setting?

Was there any part of the story you didn't like and why?

When do you think this story is set? What makes you think that?

Would you recommend this book and why?

Have you read any other stories by this author? Would you like to read any others?
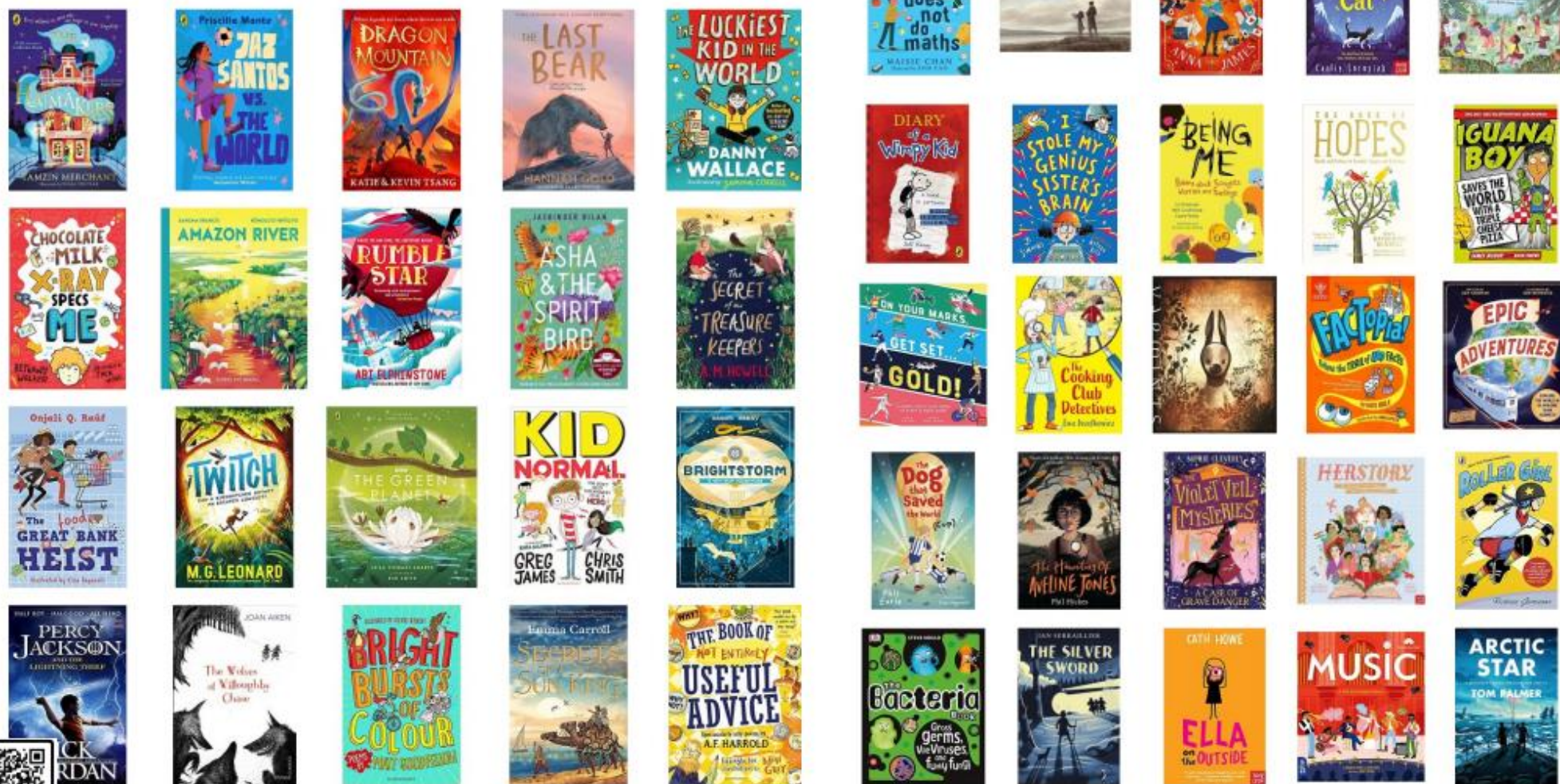
Suggested Reading Books/Authors:

50 Recommended Reads for... Year 5 (ages 9-10)

BooksForTopics

Featured titles include:

- Jaz Santos vs. the World — Priscilla Mante
- Dragon Mountain — Katie & Kevin Tsang
- The Last Bear — Hannah Gold
- The Luckiest Kid in the World — Danny Wallace
- Chocolate Milk, X-Ray Specs and Me
- Amazon River
- Rumble Star — Abi Elphinstone
- Asha & the Spirit Bird — Jasbinder Bilan
- The Secret of the Treasure Keepers — A.M. Howell
- The Great Bank Heist — Onjali Q. Raúf
- Twitch — M. G. Leonard
- The Green Planet
- Kid Normal — Greg James & Chris Smith
- Brightstorm
- Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief
- The Wolves of Willoughby Chase — Joan Aiken
- Bright Bursts of Colour
- Secrets of a Sun King — Emma Carroll
- The Book of Not Entirely Useful Advice — A.F. Harrold
- Bunny vs Monkey
- Cookie! — Konnie Huq
- The House With Chicken Legs
- Football School Star Players
- New Kid — Jerry Craft
- Danny Chung Does Not Do Maths — Maisie Chan
- The Dam
- Pages & Co
- My Life as a Cat
- Old Enough to Save the Planet
- Diary of a Wimpy Kid
- I Stole My Genius Sister's Brain
- Being Me
- The Book of Hopes
- Iguana Boy Saves the World With a Triple Cheese Pizza
- On Your Marks, Get Set, Gold!
- The Cooking Club Detectives
- FACTopia!
- Epic Adventures
- The Dog that Saved the World
- The Haunting of Aveline Jones — Phil Hickes
- Violet Veil Mysteries: A Case of Grave Danger
- Herstory
- Roller Girl
- The Bacteria Book
- The Silver Sword — Ian Serraillier
- Ella on the Outside — Cath Howe
- Music
- Arctic Star — Tom Palmer