

Mayfield Grammar School



Those students joining us in September will receive a summer holiday reading list on Induction Day.

The ideas below are for all children in Year 5.

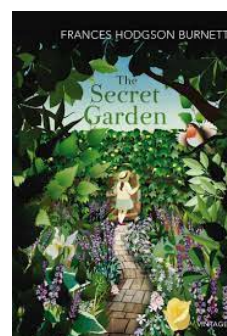
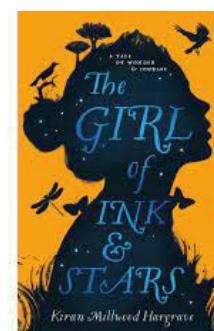
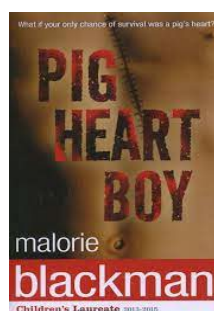
Summer reading for Year 5s and above

The joy of reading and the joy of sharing stories with others is one of the greatest pleasures in life. Books enable children to discover new worlds, meet new people and learn about the past, but they also have the power to transform lives. By sparking growing imaginations, stimulating critical thinking and helping to develop empathy, reading gives children the very skills they need to succeed at school, at work and in life.

Here are a few of our suggestions:

Fiction

Little Women by Louisa May Alcott
Cider with Rosie by Laurie Lee
Pig-Heart Boy by Malorie Blackman
The Chronicles of Narnia by C S Lewis
The Girl of Ink and Stars by Kiran Millwood Hargrave
Peter Pan by J.M Barrie
His Dark Materials by Phillip Pullman
The Secret Garden by Frances Eliza Hodgson Burnett
Wonder by R.J Palacio
Anne of Green Gables by L.M Montgomery
The Wizard of Oz by L. F. Baum
The Boy at the Back of the Class by Onjali Rauf
Rooftoppers by Katherine Rundell
No Ballet Shoes in Syria by Catherine Bruton
The Infinite by Patience Agbabi

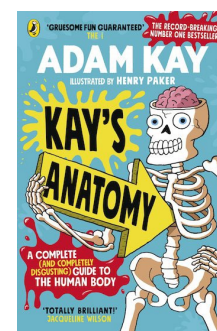


Poetry

A Million Brilliant Poems (Part One): A collection of the very best children's poetry today by Roger Stevens
101 Poems for Children by Carol Ann Duffy

Non-Fiction

The Diary of Anne Frank
Girls Who Rocked The World by Michelle Roehm McCann and Amelie Welden
A Short History of Nearly Everything by Bill Bryson
Great Women Who Changed The World by Kate Pankhurst
Kay's Anatomy by Adam Kay



We also recommend reading a quality news source such as The Week Junior or First News. BBC Newsround is also a great resource to tap into.

Articles can also be accessed on-line, for example: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround>

We are sure that you will find something in this list to enjoy.

Year 5 Writing Practice in the summer and beyond

It is worth remembering that you don't become a writer by writing. You become a writer by reading. If a child reads, they will have the foundation and creativity that will fuel their writing.



Even if your child is a proficient independent reader, **reading aloud can help them to understand the mechanics of a gripping story.** Listening to a story for enjoyment teaches children lots about vocabulary, style and genre.

You can also ask your child to make up stories out loud, rather than writing them down. It still keeps them thinking and they will enjoy this immensely.

When they have written their own pieces, they can share them with you aloud. This is really important, as not only will it help children realise their own spelling and punctuation mistakes and correct them, but more importantly, it makes the story come alive. The whole point of stories is that they're for sharing.

Experimenting with different forms/genres is highly advised. You could have a look at BBC Bitesize to see the different forms of writing and there are also very helpful lessons on all sorts of aspects of writing to delve into, including planning, sentence structure and punctuation for effect.

Some practical ideas:

- Encourage your child to use all their senses: what would they be able to see, hear, touch, taste and smell?
- Having your child write to their favourite story character is a great way to teach them how to set out a letter properly.
- Setting up a blog where your child can write about family events such as holidays, celebrations and days out is a good way to get them into the habit of writing regularly. There are also lots of websites where children can write reviews of books, films and TV programmes.
- If your child feels strongly about a particular cause such as animal welfare or child poverty, channel their passion into writing campaign materials. Charities such as the [RSPCA](#), [Born Free](#), [WWF](#) and [ActionAid](#) have lots of useful ideas for getting children involved in raising awareness of their campaigns and funds for their projects, such as by writing to their MP or designing their own posters.
- Talking to family members and collecting stories from their childhood is a great source of inspiration for your budding writer. Encourage your child to interview relatives about their experiences growing up, and then compile the stories into a family journal. This is a fantastic project to work on with your child, giving you the opportunity to model writing skills and styles while also preserving family memories for future generations.
- Finally, 'ban the rubber' - some children get so hung up on presentation that they spend all their time correcting mistakes and lose their creative flow. Encourage them to just to put a line through anything they want to change and encourage drafting.