

The more that you read,  
the more things you will know.  
The more that you learn,  
the more places you'll go.

-- Dr. Seuss



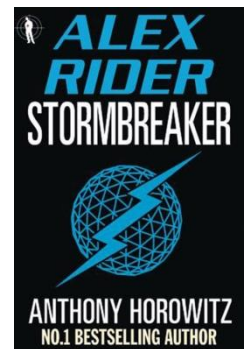
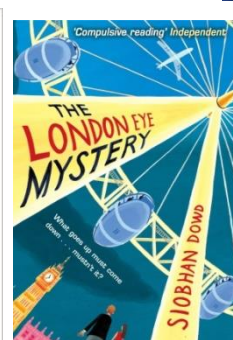
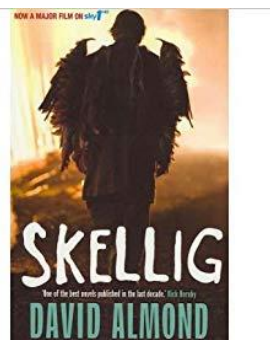
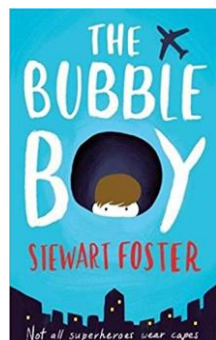
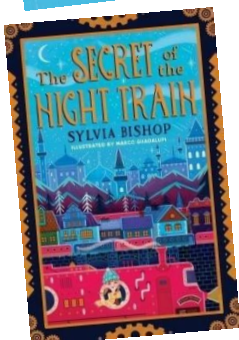
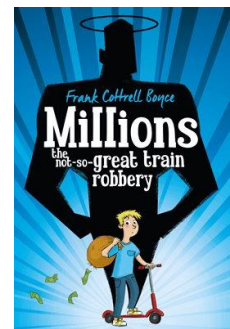
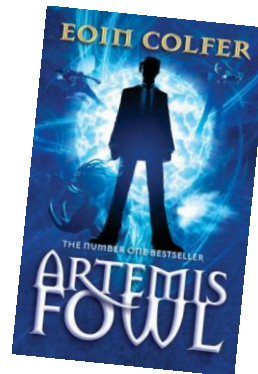
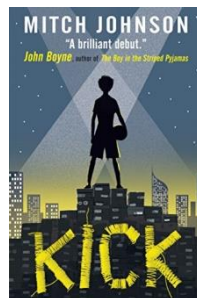
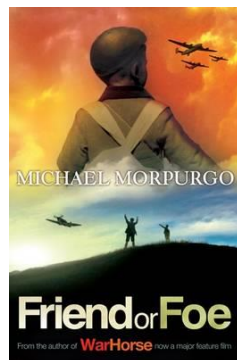
Research has shown that one of the most beneficial activities for children (and adults!) is reading:

“There is strong evidence that reading for pleasure can increase empathy, improve relationships with others, reduce the symptoms of depression and improve wellbeing throughout life.” (The Reading Agency, 2015.)

Reading for pleasure is more important for children's cognitive development than their parents' level of education and is a more powerful factor in life achievement than socio-economic background. (OECD 2002)

We expect that your child will read at home at least three times every week as part of their homework and we ask that you sign in their homework book to say they have done this. They will then be awarded an autonomy point in Class Charts.

Here are some suggestions of great books to read and share at home during Year 5. Reading during this year is focused on discussing themes and characters. We ask why a character is behaving a certain way and look for evidence in the text to support our ideas. We also aim to collect exciting vocabulary to use in our writing. At home, discuss with your child what they are reading and help them to understand new or tricky vocabulary. Obviously, there are many more wonderful children's books available. If you or your child come across an amazing book we would love to know about it so we can read it too!



For more ideas for books or activities visit the book trust website:

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/>

or the parent site of the National literacy trust

<http://www.wordsforlife.org.uk/>

or speak to your child's class teacher.