

Year 5 Working towards the Expected Standard Book List

Book	Author	Why have we chosen it?	Values promoted within
The Explorer	Katherine Rundell	An exciting adventure story that links to our South American topic and is a great hook for our adventure story writing. This book explores the significance of the Amazon rivers and exposes the geography of South America.	Resilience Perseverance Accomplishment Intuition Courage Determination Ambition Kindness Trust Friendship Independence Responsibility Curiosity
Secrets of a Dragon Sanctuary	Brandon Mull	The theme of magic is explored at various times throughout Year 5. This great book enables children to explore mythical creatures and settings that will be used in a wide range of writing throughout the year.	Intuition Curiosity Happiness Bravery Trust Responsibility Courage Friendship
The Lightning Thief Series	Rick Riordan	A great series to engage children who enjoy reading longer series of books. This book is a great link to our mystery stories and will help to inspire a love of reading at length.	Bravery Responsibility Trust Respect Happiness Ambition Determination
The Secret Garden	Francis Hodgson-Burnett	Focusing on the theme of portals and magical worlds, this classic will inspire the children to explore fantasy settings. With links to both our Victorian topic and portal stories, this gives children exposure in the late Victorian era.	Empathy Imagination Happiness Generosity Independence Friendship Trust Kindness Resilience Determination
The London Eye mystery	Siobhan Dowd	Allowing children to explore the familiar setting of London, this links to our work on detective and mystery writing.	Resilience Perseverance Courage Determination Friendship Curiosity Intuition Bravery Responsibility

The Magic Thief series	Sarah Prineas	The Magic Thief series enables children to explore magical settings and beings that will be used in a wide range of writing throughout the year.	Responsibility Courage Bravery Power Independence Imagination Confidence Respect
Zero Gravity	Dave Roman	Linking to our science topic of Space, with the aim to encourage a love of reading and science.	Imagination Determination Learning Happiness Independence Trust
Cosmic	Frank Cottrell-Boyce	Linking to our science topic of Space, with the aim to encourage a love of reading and science.	Resilience Perseverance Courage Determination Friendship Curiosity Intuition Bravery Responsibility Trust
Agatha Christie mysteries	Agatha Christie	A series of classic detective stories that will inspire the children to delve further into our murder mysteries topic.	Intuition Courage Curiosity Bravery Determination Enthusiasm Resilience Confidence
Sherlock Holmes and the Disappearing Diamond	Sam Hearn	A modern twist on the classic Sherlock series. This detective story allows the children to see a famous character portrayed by a range of different authors. This links to the study of The Hound of the Baskervilles.	Intuition Courage Curiosity Bravery Determination Enthusiasm Resilience Confidence
The Magic Faraway Tree	Enid Blyton	A classic book that will allow children to delve into their imagination and read. This will inspire to write about a range of fictional settings and interesting character descriptions throughout the year.	Trust Responsibility Courage Imagination Independence Friendship Curiosity Respect