

Year 5 Autumn Term 2025

The children may enjoy reading some material directly related to what they are learning at school. What follows is a list of suggestions, but please do use the websites listed on the main Year 5 Recommended Reads document for further ideas.

History - Anglo-Saxons and Vikings

Non-Fiction

You Wouldn't Want to be an Anglo-Saxon Peasant - Jacqueline Morley & David Antram

You Wouldn't Want to be a Viking Explorer – Andrew Langley

Horrible Histories: Smashing Saxons – Terry Deary

Horrible Histories: Vicious Vikings – Terry Deary

Anglo-Saxons and Vikings – Usborne History of Britain series

Discover the Anglo-Saxons: Everyday Life – Moira Butterfield

Norse Myths: Tales of Odin, Thor and Loki - Kevin Crossley-Holland and Jeffrey Alan Love

Fiction

Beowulf – Michael Morpurgo or Rob Lloyd Jones & Victor Tavares (Usborne)

King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table - Marcia Williams (comic book style – very accessible)

Odd and the Frost Giants – Neil Gaiman

How to Train your Dragon series – Cressida Cowell

Magnus Chase and the Gods of Asgard series – Rick Riordan

Science – The Solar System and Forces

Non-Fiction

The Moon – Hannah Pang

A Galaxy of Her Own: Amazing Stories of Women in Space - Libby Jackson

The International Space Station – Clive Gifford

A Math Journey Through Space – Anne Rooney

Launch a Rocket into Space: You do the Maths - Hilary Koll and Steve Mills

How To Be An Astronaut and Other Space Jobs - Dr Sheila Kanani & Sol Linero

The Space Race: The Journey to the Moon and Beyond - Sarah Cruddas

Balloon to the Moon: The Story of the Human Journey to Space - Gill Arbuthnott

Planetarium- Raman Prinja

Fiction

Cosmic – Frank Cottrell-Boyce

The Kid Who Came From Space – Ross Welford

The Jamie Drake Equation – Christopher Edge

George's Secret Key to the Universe – Stephen and Lucy Hawking

The Tin Snail – Cameron McAllister

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