



Newtown C of E Primary
School

RECOMMENDED READS



Year 5
Autumn | 2026

Classic and Modern Fiction

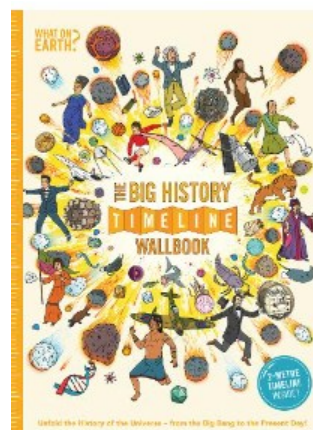


When the clock strikes 13, Acton, the youngest of the four Belle siblings, finds himself in fairyland and forced to work for an evil queen. Can Cora, Elle and Bram save their brother before it's too late? The spectacularly realised fantasy quest story is brilliantly written, with convincing characters in an unforgettable world. It's a must-read for fans of magic, daring adventure and gripping twists. Highly recommended for readers in Year 5.

Non-Fiction

The What on Earth? Wallbook Timeline of Big History by Christopher Lloyd

An incredible history book that spans the dawn of time to the present day, in a five-metre-long fold-out book timeline which can be laid out on a table, floor or wall. Unique and very engaging, children can walk around the book and dip into different time periods. Thought-provoking and inspiring, this book and wallchart combination is great for reluctant readers and it's perfect for year 5 pupils who are interested in facts, history and non-fiction texts.



Poetry

Cloud Soup by Kate Wakeling

This new collection from the creators of the award-winning Moon Juice contains 35 inventive, quirky and humorous poems for 9-11-year-olds. Full of imagery and great to read aloud, this is a good pick for year 5&6 classrooms. This highly imaginative poetry collection is also ideal for sparking ideas for children's writing in upper KS2.



Emotions, Relationships and Diversity



Coming to England by Floella Benjamin

This inspiring autobiography sensitively and revealingly chronicles the Windrush experience of a young girl travelling from Trinidad to a new life in England in 1960. A powerful read, Floella Benjamin's childhood account is one that will resonate with KS2 children and one they will be able to empathise with. This text will be a useful resource for autobiographical writing in year 5 literacy lessons.