

Year 5 Authors, Poets and Stories



In Year 5 we will look at the following three authors C. S. Lewis, J. K. Rowling and Malorie Blackman. As well as this we will study the below stories, poets and authors throughout our work in English and in our class novel time.



	Authors, poets and stories linked to English	Class Novel
Autumn 1	The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe – by C. S. Lewis.	Owen and the Soldier – by Lisa Thompson
Autumn 2	Time Spinner – by Roy Apps Limericks – Edward Lear	Farther – by Grahame Baker-Smith
Spring 1	The Great Kapok Tree – by Lynne Cherry The Vanishing Rainforest – by Richard Platt Poems with Figurative Language – Ramshackle Rainbow: Poems for Year 5 – chosen by Pie Corbett	Harry Potter and the Philosopher’s Stone -by J. K. Rowling
Spring 2	Journey to the River Sea – by Eva Ibbotson	
Summer 1	Oliver Twist – by Charles Dickens (retold by Geraldine McCaughrean)	A.N.T.I.D.O.T.E - by Malorie Blackman
Summer 2	The Orchard Book of Greek Myths – by Geraldine McCaughrean Classic Narrative Poetry - The Highwayman – by Alfred Noyes	The Book of Hopes: Words and Pictures to Comfort, Inspire and Entertain – by Katherine Rundell

C.S. Lewis

November 29, 1898 – November 22, 1963

Real Name: Clive Staples Lewis

Hometown: Belfast, Ireland

Famous Books:

- “The Chronicles of Narnia” series
- “Space Trilogy”
- “The Screwtape Letters”
- “Mere Christianity”



Interesting Facts:

- When C.S. Lewis was four years old, his dog, Jacksie, was hit by a car and killed. From that point on, C.S. Lewis only wanted to be called Jacksie. Eventually the name was shortened to Jack, and he was called Jack for the rest of his life by his family and friends.
- Lewis fought for the British Army in WWI.
- Lewis always used a pen and paper. He never learned to type.

J.K. Rowling

July 31, 1965 – present

Real Name: Joanne Rowling

Hometown: Yate, Gloucestershire, England, UK

Famous Books:

- The “Harry Potter” series



Interesting Facts:

- “Harry Potter” was rejected by all twelve of the publishing houses where Rowling submitted the first book.
- The first “Harry Potter” book was originally called “Harry Potter and the Philosopher’s Stone” but was changed to “Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone” when it was released in the United States.
- “Harry Potter” is the best-selling book series in history.
- All of the novels in “Harry Potter” series have been made into major motion pictures.
- Rowling is the first person to become a United States billionaire as an author.

Malorie Blackman

Feb 8, 1962– present

Hometown: London, UK

Famous Books:

- “Noughts and Crosses” series
- “Girl Wonder” Series
- “Pig Heart Boy”
- “Chasing the Stars”



Interesting Facts:

- Malorie Blackman has always loved books. By the age of 11, she had read all the books in the children’s section of her local library.
- She trained in computer sciences and worked as a computer programmer.
- She was a Children’s Laureate from 2013 to 2015. This is a prestigious award given to a writer or illustrator to celebrate their outstanding contribution to children’s literature.
- She is praised for the way she addresses grown-up issues in her writing. Her “Noughts and Crosses” series explores the themes of racism, violence, and love.
- She was awarded an OBE (an honor awarded by the Queen) in 2008.