



## Heathside School English Department

### Year 8 Accelerated Pupil Programme

#### Read this ...

- *Great Expectations* – Dickens
- *Oliver Twist* – Dickens
- *The Tempest* – Shakespeare
- *Animal Farm* – Orwell
- *Lord of the Flies* – Golding
- *Roll of Thunder* – Taylor
- *Sherlock Holmes* – Conan Doyle
- Research the winners of recent literary prizes and make it your aim to read the entire list. *The Carnegie Award* and the *Costa Book Award* both recognise young writers. *The Man Booker Prize* and *Pulitzer Prize* are awards for adult writers.

*Research each of these authors before you read them. When were they writing? What else did they write? What can you find out about them? Make a fact file of each author.*

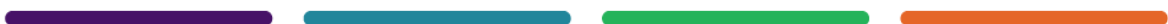
#### Watch this ...

- *The Tempest* at The Globe:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m01QooWbgDc&list=PLW18THsLoGZqo8TnpK\\_rOa-fxQ4EMWgo2](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m01QooWbgDc&list=PLW18THsLoGZqo8TnpK_rOa-fxQ4EMWgo2)
- A Midsummer Night's Dream Ballet:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kFxmEXLxV\\_I](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kFxmEXLxV_I)
- 60 Second Book Review: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCllica6nJ87nspw3p\\_QeK3Q](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCllica6nJ87nspw3p_QeK3Q)
- Video Sparknotes: <https://www.youtube.com/user/VideoSparkNotes>
- Mr Bruff: <https://www.youtube.com/user/mrbruff>

*Make notes, a poster or a storyboard on what you learn. Could you research this topic further?*

#### Make this ...

- Make a model of your own dystopian world. Use inspiration from research into dystopian fiction E.g. *Hunger Games*.
- Make a mask for one of the characters in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, or any other play by Shakespeare you have read/seen. Try to include things that represent something about the character E.g. sequins for a vain character, or feathers for a soft and timid character. Think about what the colours and the materials you use could represent.





### Write this ...

- Create a journal of travel writing for the places you have visited in the past. Add to it whenever you visit somewhere new.
- Re-write the ending of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. How could you change events? Could you make the ending symbolic or leave it on an ambiguous note?
- Chose a scene from your favourite film and look for an image on Google. Use the scene as inspiration to write a description or a story.

### Research this ...

- Research the history of any of the authors we study in class.
- Research 19<sup>th</sup> century writers that interest you.
- Research the Dystopian Genre.

*Read any books that you come across in your research that interest you and write a book review for each.*

### Visit this ...

- Go to The Globe to watch any of Shakespeare's plays.
- Attend the Charles Dickens 'London Guided Walks and Tours' day:  
<http://www.dickenslondontours.co.uk/>
- Visit Jane Austen's house in Hampshire and Bath.

*Write a review of your findings and experiences when visiting any of the above places.*

### Explore this ...

- BBC Writers' Room: [www.bbc.co.uk/writersroom](http://www.bbc.co.uk/writersroom)
- Writing Competitions: [www.towerpoetry.org.uk](http://www.towerpoetry.org.uk)
- R4 Book Club: [www.bbc.co.uk/radio4/arts/bookclub](http://www.bbc.co.uk/radio4/arts/bookclub)
- A Good Read: [www.bbc.co.uk/rad4/arts/agoodread.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/rad4/arts/agoodread.shtml)
- Guardian Online Podcasts: <http://.books.guardian.co.uk/podcasts>
- Workshops: <http://.books.guardian.co.uk/poetryworkshop/0,,1314872,00.html>





### Share this ...

- Work with a friend to create a research project on a topic of your choice. This should represent good team work and be informative and well presented.
- Work with a friend to film a YouTube style video discussing a topical issue. You don't need to upload this, but it is possible to upload it and keep it private if you wish.
- Work with a friend to create a piece of writing (poetry, play, story) that reflects an interest you both share.

### Join this ...

- Find a book club in your local area for readers your age and join up.
- Join Heathside's KS3 Book Club which runs every other Tuesday in L3.
- Good Reads – read books and share your reviews and thoughts on them online.

### Enter this ...

- Writing Competitions: [www.towerpoetry.org.uk](http://www.towerpoetry.org.uk)

