



## Heathside School English Department

### Year 7 Accelerated Pupil Programme

#### Read this ...

- *The Jungle Book* – Rudyard Kipling
- *Oliver Twist* – Charles Dickens
- *Treasure Island* – Robert Louis Stevenson
- *The Signalman* – A short story by Charles Dickens
- *Sherlock Holmes* – Arthur Conan Doyle
- *The Secret Garden* – Frances Hodgson Burnett
- *The Hobbit* – J.R Tolkien
- *The Diary of Anne Frank* – Anne Frank
- *Grimm's Fairy Tales* – Grimm Brothers
- 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 ...

- Documentary on Geoffrey Chaucer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uxqAwT5lpL8>
- Documentary on Charles Dickens: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uxqAwT5lpL8>
- Documentary on Dracula: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=88edGIW3DT4>
- 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 detailed map of the journey taken by the pilgrims in *The Canterbury Tales*. Make sure to include all of the landmarks they passed.
- Make a timeline of adventure genre writers, including any novels such as *Treasure Island*, *The Jungle Book* etc. How have they evolved over time?





- Research 19<sup>th</sup> Century gothic buildings and make a mock-up of one from any materials that you have. Pay careful attention to the style of the buildings and the features that they traditionally incorporated.
- Create an anthology of poems inspired by each unit of work we cover in Year 7.

### Write this ...

- Create your own blog and write about anything that interests you  
E.g. sport, books, dance, baking etc.
- Research how to write a short story and pen your own using inspiration from your reading and experiences.

### Research this ...

- Research the history of any of the authors we study in class.
- Research 19<sup>th</sup> century literature for children.
- Research the Dystopian Genre.
- Research the Holocaust Educational Trust and read some of their 'Survivor Testimonies' written by real survivors of the Holocaust. Can you write a reflective summary of what you've read?

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

### Visit this ...

- Visit The Globe theatre to watch any of Shakespeare's plays.
- Visit Canterbury Cathedral and Southwark Bridge to follow in Geoffrey Chaucer's footsteps after reading about and researching *The Canterbury Tales*.
- Visit The Victoria and Albert Museum to brush up on your WWI and WWII knowledge.
- Visit the Anne Frank Museum in Amsterdam.
- Visit Beatrix Potter's house in the Lake District.
- 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 re-enactment of a scene from a famous play of your choice. Think about who performs which parts and whether you could add any effects.
- Work with a friend to create a piece of writing (poetry, play, story) that demonstrates your combined ideas. Present it well.

### Join this ...

- Find a book club in your local area for readers your age and join the group. This could be an online club, or one where you meet like-minded readers of your age.
- 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)

