



# Hawthorn Class – Curriculum Overview

## Summer 11 – (Victorians)

### English

Hawthorn's class text this half-term is the fantastic Street Child, a bestselling novel based on the true story of Jim Jarvis, who alerted Dr Barnardo to the plight of destitute children in Victorian London.

We will also be analysing and interpreting a shorter text, The Day the Smog Came, as part of our 'Talk for Writing' process. This will inform our focus this term: Quest Stories. The children will be creating their own problem-filled and perilous worlds for their adventurers to explore and conquer.

Each day begins with students working on grammar, punctuation and spelling (GPAs) activities and an opportunity to read a book of their choice.

Science - : Does what go up, have to come down? As we think about the impact of the industrial revolution, Hawthorn will explore fundamental forces in a unit that covers gravity, tribology and simple machines.

History – How much has Victorian society and culture influenced present-day Chesterton? – As we head out in to seek out evidence of Victorians in our community, we'll consider the impact of Victorian views on education, work, social status and the (dreaded!) workhouse.

Art – Could your artwork have been displayed in the Great Exhibition at Crystal Palace? – We will be creating exceptional jewellery designs for the distinguished Victorian!

Computing – Is the internet down?!" Our computing focus is on understanding how networks (including the internet) work and the many/varied services modern networks offer.

### Mathematics

The final units of mathematics in Year-5 requires the children to master a range of key mathematical skills that are useful for understanding and describing the world around them.

How do shapes behave in 2D space? Hawthorn will be learning to translate, rotate, reflect and scale shapes.

What makes a Heptagon a Heptagon? The children will work hard, building their technical vocabulary, ensuring they can accurately describe a range of different shapes and identify faces, vertices, and edges.

The final unit of the year asks the children to properly convert units of time, length, area and volume.

There will continue to be weekly arithmetic quizzes to build confidence in the full range of arithmetic skills that Hawthorn have developed throughout the year.

### P.S.H.E.

Hawthorn will build on their understanding of medicines, alcohol and nicotine and their effects on the brain and body. We also explore pupils' awareness of solvents, illegal drugs, people who choose to use drugs and laws relating to drug sale and possession. Children will additionally consider a wide range of drug-related situations which might pose different degrees of risk for them. They will consider ways to avoid and reduce harm in those situations.

### Physical Education

This half term, we will be focusing on developing personal skills in sports. Hawthorn will be encouraged to reflect on the growing importance of persevering with tasks, improving performances through regular practice and reacting positively when things become difficult.

We will also work with a cricket coach for 5 weeks developing our batting, bowling and fielding skills.

### Spanish

Spanish language and grammar with a focus on identifying and discussing clothing and fashion.

### Religious Education

We'll be asking ourselves 'what is commitment?' as we think about how and why Christians show their commitment to God.