

Year 3 & 4 Wider Curriculum Parent & Carer Guide

2026-2027



Introduction

Your child is about to start their year 3/4 journey at Glenleigh Park Primary Academy and Nursery. Contained within this guide is information about what your child will be learning throughout this year. The aim of this guide is to support you in understanding what your child will learn in the wider curriculum so you can engage in learning experiences and provide you with opportunities for working with your child.

Trips and Special Events

Term 1 & 2 - Ancient Egyptian Day (9th October) These dates are subject to change.

Term 3 & 4 - Hands on History Viking Day (11th January)

Term 5 & 6 - Michelham Priory (5th and 6th July)

Child as an Expert Events

Term 1 & 2 - Egypt (10th November)

Term 3 & 4 - The wonderful world of work! (2nd March)

Term 5 & 6 - Math party! (18th May)

Important information about year 3

This year the children will be using the upstairs fiction library for the first time. They will have the opportunity every day to change their book, and complete quizzes on the computer. They will build up their word count and earn bookworm badges.

Important information about year 4

Multiplication tables check – in June, the children will take their statutory times table check. This assessment is designed to track if the children have fluent recall of all their times table facts up to 12x12. In year 3 and 4, we focus on times tables and encourage the children to practice at home using Times Table Rockstars so they leave year 4 being fluent in times tables up to 12x12.

The Big Sing – In term 6, children in year 4 will have the opportunity to sing at the De La Warr with other local schools. This is a fantastic opportunity for the children to perform on stage with a live band and for you to enjoy the performance.

Content page

Attached with this guide you will find knowledge organisers for the subjects listed below. The children will have these in the front of their books in school.

Term 1 and 2

History - Walk like an Egyptian (Term 1)

Geography - Rivers and the water cycle (Term 2)

Religious education - What do Hindus believe God is like? (Term 1) and What is the 'Trinity' and why is it important for Christians? (Term 2)

Science - Biology: Animals including Humans (Term 1) and Biology: Living things and their habitats (Term 2)

Term 3 and 4

History - Raiders and Traders (Term 3)

Geography - Comparison between UK and a European country (Term 4)

Religious education - What does it mean to be a Hindu in Britain today? (Term 3) and Why do Christians call the day that Jesus died 'Good Friday'? (Term 4)

Science - Physics: Electricity (Term 3) and Physics: Sound (Term 4)

Term 5 and 6

History - Tudor Rose (Term 5)

Geography - Local study: East Sussex developing fieldwork skills (Term 6)

Religious education - For Christians, when Jesus left, what was the impact of Pentecost? (Term 5) and How and why do people mark the significant events of life? (Term 6)

Science - Chemistry: States of Matter (Term 5) and Physics: Working Scientifically 'Lurking in the shadows' (Term 6)