

Year 1& 2 Wider Curriculum Parent & Carer Guide

2026-2027



Introduction

Your child is about to start their Year 1 or Year 2 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 - Make it fly, make it sail Science Day! - 25th Nov

Term 3 & 4 - Great Fire of London Day with a visit from the Fire Service - 20th January, Peru Day and a visit from Jaws n Claws - 18th March and a visit to Wakehurst Place - 22nd March

Term 5 & 6 - Battle of Hastings Day - 19th April and a trip to Battle Abbey - 9th June

Child as an Expert Events

Term 1 & 2 - Christmas Carol Concert - 14th December

Term 3 & 4 - All about Peru - 10th March

Term 5 & 6 - Year 1- Phonics with Fred - 26th May

(Dates are subject to change)

Important information about year 1

Phonics Screening Check - In June, your child will undertake the Phonics Screening Check in which they will be asked to read 40 words, 20 which are real words and 20 which are alien words.

Important information about year 2

The year 2 children will continue to develop their early reading skills in school, they will be participating in daily phonics and reading lessons. At home, please ensure you read with your children and return their books weekly to continue to build their fluency.

Content page

In 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 - Toys

Geography - Our Home, Our World

Religious education -

Year 1: Who do Christians say made the world? Who is Jewish and how do they live?

Year 2: Who is a Muslim and how do they live? Why does Christmas matter to Christians?

Science- Make it fly, make it sail!

Term 3 and 4

History- The Great Fire of London – From Pudding to Pepys

Geography - Peru

Religious education -

Year 1: What do Christians believe God is like? Who is Jewish and how do they live?

Year 2: Who is a Muslim and how do they live? (Part 2) Why does Easter matter to Christians?

Science- Let's make a splash!

Term 5 and 6

History - Battle of Hastings

Geography - Battle Abbey

Religious education -

Year 1: What does it mean to belong to a faith community? How should we care for the world and others, and why does it matter?

Year 2: What is the 'good news' Christians believe that Jesus brings? What makes some places sacred to believers?

Science – Plants