

Year 5 & 6 Wider Curriculum Parent & Carer Guide

2026-2027



Introduction

Your child is about to start their year 5/6 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 – Y5/6 Portals to the Past: Ancient Greece & Police Visit

Y6: The Big Sing

Term 3 & 4 – Y5: Residential

Y5/6: Volcano Making

Term 5 & 6 – Y5/6: Bexhill Museum Smugglers Experience

Y6: Activity Week

Child as an Expert Events

Term 1 & 2 – Y5/6: Netball Masterclass

Term 3 & 4 – Y5: Landing on the moon!

Y6: Term 3 SATs Parents Evening

Term 5 & 6 – Y5: Sensational Smugglers

Y6: Leavers Assembly

Important Information about Year 5

Residential – Your child has the amazing opportunity to go on a two-night team building excursion. They will get the opportunity to sleep away from home, learn archery skills as well as conquering the high rope challenge.

Swimming – In term 6, your child will take part in swimming lessons at King Offa Primary School. These lessons will build up basic swimming skills as well as consolidate for those who are more confident.

Important information about year 6

SATs - The children will take their statutory end of Key Stage 2 tests in May. The children will sit papers in maths, reading and grammar, punctuation and spelling.

Between 21st – 24th June, the children will be taking part in activity week to celebrate all their hard work throughout the year.

Transition to secondary school - During term 6 children will have the opportunity to visit their new secondary school. This will be supported by work that the children understand in class to ensure that the transition to secondary school is as smooth as possible.

Singing at the De la Warr - At Christmas, the children will have the chance to take part in a concert at the Pavilion. This is a special opportunity that many schools in the area attend.

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 - 'Who Let the Gods out?' – Ancient Greece (T1)

Geography - 'Who Let the Gods out?' – Scotland and Greece (T2)

Religious education – 'Why do some people believe in God and some people not?' (T1) and 'Creation and Science: conflicting or complementary?' (T2)

Science - Electricity (T1) & Earth and Space (T2)

Term 3 and 4

History - 'Earth and Space, the Final Frontier' – The Space Race (T3)

Geography - 'Earth, Space: The Final Frontier' – Volcanoes (T4)

Religious education - Why do Hindus try to be good?' (T3) and 'What do Christians believe Jesus did to 'save people'? (T4)

Science - Animals including humans (T3) & Forces & Magnets (T4)

Term 5 and 6

History - 'It's a Smugglers Life for Me' – The Smugglers (T5)

Geography - 'It's a Smugglers Life for Me' – Trading (T6)

Religious Education - For Christians, what kind of king was Jesus? (T5) and 'How does faith help people when life gets hard?' (T6)

Science - 'Famous Names in Science' (T5) & 'Working Scientifically' (T6)