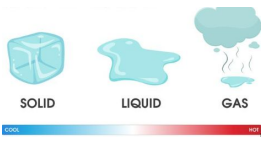
Learning in Lower Key Stage Two : Autumn 2 2026



English:
Our key text is 'Varjak Paw' by SF Said.

We will also be reading non-fiction and poetry texts, including various Christmas performance poetry pieces.

Towards the end of the half term we will begin writing in response to a video stimulus; 'Reindeer Ready'.

Through reading of these texts, we will develop and use our VIPERS skills to improve our response and understanding of a text.

Writing outcomes:
Writing to narrate
Writing to report (newspaper report)

Mathematics:
In Year 3
Addition and Subtraction
Multiplication and Division

In Year 4
Addition and Subtraction
Area
Multiplication and Division

Science:
We will be learning about 'States of Matter'.

Our enquiry questions are:
Can you group these materials and objects into solids, liquids and gases?

Does sea water evaporate quicker than fresh water?

Through these enquiry questions we will be exploring evaporation, condensation and the water cycle.

Scientist of the half term: Marie Curie

Geography:
We will be learning all about Brazil.

Through this topic, we will be answering the key question:
What are the human and physical features of Brazil?

Children will be exploring key geographical concepts, including Place, Cultural Awareness and Human/ Physical processes.

Their learning will culminate in creating a fact-file all about Brazil.

Magic moment: Brazil Day!

History:
This half term we will be learning about 'The Normans'.

Through our learning on this topic, we will be answering the key question:

What was the impact of the Norman Conquest on England?

Children will be exploring further key historical concepts, including continuity and change, cause and consequence and evidence.

We will find explore historical evidence and use what this shows us to find out more; helping us to answer our enquiry question.

Religious Education and World Views:
We will be exploring the key learning question :

What are the deeper meanings of the festivals?

Children will explore world religions, their beliefs and the similarities and differences between festivals.

Design and Technology
Children will be exploring how to create a levers and linkages. They will explore a range of ways that levers and linkages are used in the real world before designing and making their own Christmas card using a lever and linkage system.

Design Technology Hero of the half term:
Margarete Steiff - founder of the world-famous Steiff toy company and the creation of the world's first teddy bear!

Computing:
Children will be developing their core skills in computing through the unit 'Audio Production'.

Children will identify the input device and output devices required to work with sound digitally. Children will discuss the ownership of digital audio and the copyright implications of duplicating the work of others.

Online Safety Focus:
Copyright and Ownership

Music:
Children will focus on traditional and festive songs and develop their performance skills ready for our Christmas performance.

Musical hero of the half term:
Andrew Lloyd Webber - Any Dream Will Do.

Modern Foreign Languages (French):
In French lessons, children will be using songs, games and activities to rehearse and develop their recall and pronunciation of the vocabulary for clothing; including describing different types of clothing and understanding that items of clothing can be separated into gender in the French language.

Children will also rehearse and perform short nativity play scenes, using key French vocabulary.

PSHE/ Values:
Whole school value: Tolerance
These values will be explored through assemblies, class collective worship and related stories and discussion.

PSHE:Valuing Difference
Children will reflect upon what makes us all unique. They will consider friends, family and acquaintances and how we are all different. Alongside this, children will explore how we treat others; showing kindness, respect and tolerance towards others.

PE:
Tag Rugby: Children will develop skills indeed for tag rugby and learn the rules of tag rugby. Children will explore attack and defense techniques; building up to playing a competitive game.

Swimming: Children will take part in weekly swimming lessons each Tuesday afternoon at Dunstable Leisure Centre.