OAK Class Newsletter
Autumn 2, 2026

Beech class arrives at **8.40am** to begin learning. School finishes at **3.15pm.** *Please bring your child to school every day and on time to ensure they make the best progress.*	**Class teacher: Miss Hamilton** You can contact me by sending me a message on Class Dojo. You can call the school to speak to a member of staff on 01274 545743.	We are hardworking and resilient learners!

English

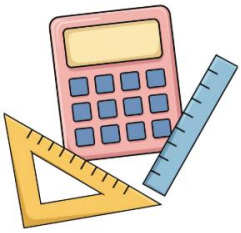


This half-term, children will develop their reading and writing skills through two exciting writing units. They will explore 'Join Our Floating Library' to identify persuasive language before creating their own advert. They will then write an information report about our school dinner ladies, using knowledge from their History lessons and interviews with members of our school community.

Phonics and Spelling

In phonics, Year 2 children will develop their knowledge of alternative spellings using 'choose to use' rules. Year 3 children will continue learning the Year 3 spelling rules.

Maths



In Maths, children will develop their addition and subtraction skills. They will use mental and written methods to solve calculations, make connections between number facts and apply efficient strategies to solve reasoning and problem-solving questions.

RE



In RE, children will explore *Prophecy and Promise*. They will learn about the promises God made throughout the Old Testament and how these prepare Christians for the coming of Jesus at Christmas.

History

This half-term, children will explore the local history of Bradford through the story of Bradford's dinner ladies. They will learn why Bradford was home to the UK's first school dinners, discover the work of Margaret McMillan, investigate historical sources and compare school meals past and present before interviewing our own school dinner ladies.

Science

In Science, children will investigate light. They will identify different light sources, learn how we see, explore how shadows are formed, classify materials as opaque, translucent or transparent, and carry out their own shadow investigation.



Music



In Music, children will learn a range of Christmas songs while developing their singing, listening and performance skills. They will explore rhythm, pulse and pitch as they prepare for Christmas performances.

D&T



In D&T, children will investigate how linked lever mechanisms create movement. They will design, make, test and evaluate their own moving Christmas card, developing their designing and making skills throughout the project.

P.E.



In PE, children will improve their fitness through a range of activities designed to develop strength, stamina, balance, coordination and perseverance while encouraging teamwork and resilience.

PSHE



In PSHE, children will explore Personal Relationships. They will learn about friendship, kindness, respect, trust and how to build positive, healthy relationships with others.

Homework



This half-term, children should create their own zine about school dinners, inspired by Ruth Fettis' zine about Bradford's dinner ladies.

Their zine could include:

- The history of school dinners in Bradford.
- Their favourite school dinners.
- A dinner lady or lunchtime assistant they would like to thank.
- Something interesting, strange or funny that has happened during school dinners.
- Memories of school dinners shared by family members.
- Anything else related to school dinners!

Children are encouraged to be creative and include drawings, writing, photographs and interesting facts.

How to make a zine: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ixqr9e3wCxI

Due: Monday 14th December 2026

Dates for your diary:

09/11 2.45pm Maths workshops for parents
11.11.25 school Remembrance Service 11am
27/11 Blessing of Advent Wreaths Fr Jones in school 29/11 1st Sunday of Advent
14/12 2:15pm EYFS/KS1 Nativity in school 15/12 2:15pm KS2 Carol Service in St. William's Church 16/12 Christmas Jumper/Christmas dinner day 18/12 Party afternoon for all classes