

April 2022 Newsletter



Your Child is a Scientist!



Play gives children many opportunities to think and solve problems. Children can learn by playing with pots and pans, cups and spoons, and other clean and safe household items. They learn by banging, dropping, and putting things in and taking things out of containers. Children learn by stacking things up and watching things fall, and testing the sounds of different objects by hitting them together. Play is like children's "work".



This month your Little Bean will be learning about: Stories and Books!

During the month of April your Little Bean will be exploring all things literature! From our favourite stories, books and fables, the Little Beans will be learning all about books!



Sharing stories, talking and singing every day helps children's development in many ways.

Reading and sharing stories can help children get to know sounds, words and language, and develop early literacy skills! The Little Beans will learn to value books and stories and spark their imagination and stimulate curiosity! Reading helps to develop our Little Beans' brain, ability to focus, concentration, social skills and communication skills!



The Little Beans will be role playing, acting out stories and using small world resources to develop their storytelling to help learn the difference between 'real' and 'make-believe'.

The Little Beans will be using messy play to distinguish which porridge is too hot, too cold or just right.

Stories help us to understand emotions as well as many other benefits, and the Little Beans will be using books and stories to work out how we might feel in situations. We will also be using stories and characters to perhaps decide how we could make a character feel better about a situation, and explore ways to make ourselves feel happy!



- **Little Beans Celebrations Events & Special Days in April 2022**



- 1st April—April Fools Day! Celebrated all over the world as a morning of jokes and tricks - but don't play a trick after noon - or you are the fool! The Little Beans will be exploring jokes and humour all day, and trying hard to make each other laugh!



- 2nd April—International Children's Book Day! The Little Beans will be celebrating books and stories all month long in celebration of international children's book day and talking about our favourites!

- 15th April—Good Friday! A Christian holiday where the Little Beans will be learning all about being a kind and forgiving person. The Little Beans will talk about right and wrong, and about how we can all be kinder to each other!

- 17th April—Easter Sunday and 18th April—Easter Monday! The Little Beans will be talking about Easter all week and engaging in activities based around Easter and Spring! We will be searching high and low for Easter Eggs, trying hot cross buns and seeing who can design the best Easter Egg!



- 22nd April—Earth Day! Worldwide event to raise awareness of the environmental issues which face the whole of planet Earth! The Little Beans will be using this day to engage in lots of recycling and junk modelling activities, as well as talking about our home and how important it is to look after our World.



- 23rd April—St George's Day! The patron saint of England's bravery will be celebrated by talking all about how we are brave! We will also be looking at the England flag and designing our own!

- 25th April—Penguin Day! Awareness day to highlight the dangers that penguin's habitats face, as well as the number of penguin species which are endangered.

Staff Updates

Emma is expecting a baby girl due at the beginning of June! Therefore, Emma will be taking a maternity leave of absence. The Maternity cover Manager assigned to take over in Emma's absence is not yet confirmed at this point, we are recruiting and want to ensure the person taking over the role is the best person to take over the running of Little Beans in her absence, to ensure your Little Beans are in the best of hands.



We would like to reassure you that Emma will be leaving your Little Beans with the amazing team we have in place at Little Beans, including a very capable and confident Deputy Manager Amy Treglown. Amy has been employed at Little Beans for over two years and has gained a wealth of knowledge in the management role, with the assumption that Amy may step up to take on the Maternity cover role. Amy has a first-class honours degree in Early Childhood Studies and is already an experienced Deputy Safeguarding Lead and already has the experience of running Little Beans in my absence during the times I have been on annual leave or away.



Bethany

We are pleased to introduce you all to a new member of the Little Beans Team!

Bethany is our Preschool Room Leader who will be working closely with Amy and the rest of the Preschool team to plan, implement and explore lots of fantastic activities with the Little Beans!



Little Beans Lunches & Teas

Check out the new Spring menu displayed outside of nursery. Our delicious hot lunches are freshly made every day by our own on-site nursery cook. Getting a balanced meal at lunchtime is so important for concentration and means you do not have to worry about what to put in your child's lunchbox!



Recipe of the Month:

Stir Fry

Ingredients:

- 1 Carton of Tomato Passata
- 1 Vegetable Stock Cube
- 20ml of Soy Sauce
- 1/2 tbsp of Ground Garlic
- 1 tbsp of Chinese 5 Spice
- 250g of Mixed Vegetables
- 200g of Rice or Noodles

Extras: 500g of chicken or 600g of diced pork.

Method:

1. Boil the rice or noodles for 15 minutes then add the vegetables and boil for a further 15 minutes
2. Drain the noodles and vegetables and then add the passata and soy sauce, mix well
3. Simmer on a medium heat for 10 minutes
4. Add the spices to the mixture and simmer for a further 15 minutes
5. Add boiling water if necessary

As required, extras can be added such as chicken and pork. Fry the meat separately and then add to the noodle and vegetable mix after step 5!

Top Tip

There are lots of different noodles to try to add flavour and texture to your stir fry! Why not try egg noodles or even plant based noodles such as spinach noodles!

Term Dates for Term Time Only Children

Spring Term 2 – Monday 28th Feb 2022 – Friday 1st April

2022 EASTER HOLIDAY – Monday 11th April 2022 – Friday 22nd April 2022 (All Year Round children to attend only)

Summer Term 1 – Monday 4th April 2022 – Friday 27th May 2022

HALF TERM - Monday 30th May 2022 – Friday 3rd June 2022 (All Year Round children to attend only)

Summer Term 2—Monday 6th June 2022 --Friday 22nd July 2022.

Summer Holidays— Monday 25th July - Friday 2nd September 2022

Bank Holidays and Dates for your Diary

Friday 15th April 2022—Good Friday

Monday 18th April 2022—Easter Monday

Monday 2nd May 2022—Early May Holiday

Thursday 2nd June 2022—Spring Holiday

Friday 3rd June 2022—Platinum Jubilee Holiday

Monday 29th August 2022—Summer Bank Holiday



If you have any questions or concerns, then please speak to a member of the Little Beans Team who will be happy to help.

Many thanks

The Little Beans team

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What's On at Little Beans!

Little Beans offers lots of exciting clubs and activities for the children!

On a Monday afternoon the Preschool children enjoy a French lesson with Solange! The children learn some of our favourite nursery rhymes in French, as well as words and phrases to do with our monthly themes!



On a Tuesday the 2's and Preschool share a weekly session with Miss Liberty where we engage in Bend and Stretch

On a Wednesday the 2's and Preschool alternate a weekly session of Bendy Tots Gymnastics!

On a Thursday the 2's and Preschool alternate a weekly session of Musical Theatre!



On a Friday the 2's and Preschool alternate a weekly session of Dance!

The baby beans also enjoy a weekly dance session on a Friday morning with Miss Liberty.



Our lovely cook Laura also does a weekly cooking class with the children on a Tuesday and Friday afternoon!

Facebook and Instagram

Please check out our Facebook and Instagram page, give us a 'like' and 'follow' to keep updated with dates and reminders. We also add photos regularly of what your Little Beans have been up to.

Please also leave reviews! <https://www.facebook.com/littlebeansgarland> search on Instagram; Little Beans.

Website

Our website has lots of useful information that is updated each month. We put all newsletters, menus, and dates for the diary on it. Please regularly check the website to keep updated with what's going on on www.littlebeansdaycare.com

