

August 2022



The summer holidays have officially started here at Little Beans. July has been, and August will be filled with lots of goodbyes, excitement for big school and emotions as we wish our school leavers the best of luck for their next step to big school and for an amazing summer holiday!

The Little Beans team would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you for all the leaving cards and all the very thoughtful gifts we have received from our lovely school leavers and their parents - this is very much appreciated by all the staff.

Please make sure your Little Bean has a named water bottle, sun hat and suncream for each session! Thank you!



Please ensure your Little Bean has plenty of spare clothing in their bag! This is because we enjoy water play and may get a little messy

from time to time! All spare clothing and belongings in the child's bag must be also be labelled please! Our lost property box is looking a little full again—please can you have a look through before the last week of August and then we will be taking the remainder to the charity shop!

This month the Little beans will be learning about: Dinosaurs!



All the Little Beans will be discovering facts about the creatures which once walked our earth! We will be doing lots of activities where we will discover fossils, footprints and other clues to lead us to learning about the different species of dinosaurs!

This helps the children to learn about how our world changes over time, and how different animals need specific environments to live in. We will be learning about growth, changes and decay and the circle of life.



We will be doing lots of craft, messy and experimenting this month!

We will be answering questions such as:

What happens when an egg hatches?

Why do some dinosaurs have such long necks?

How many species of dinosaur were there?

Which is the biggest dinosaur?

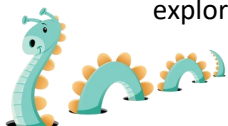
Can they all fly?



Little Beans Celebrations Events & Special Days in August 2022!

- ♦ 28th of July—8th of August—Commonwealth Games. The Commonwealth Games is an international multi-sport event involving athletes from the Commonwealth of Nations. In 2022 it will be held in Birmingham UK.

- 7th August—Sea Serpent Day! We will be exploring myths and stories about sea serpents and their incredible characteristics! Did you know the Kraken is believed to be a mile and a half long?



- 8th August—International Cat Day! Organised by the International Fund for Animal Welfare, this is a day to think about your furry friend and appreciate everything you love about them.



- 10th August—Lion Day! Another day dedicated to our feline friends! Founded by Big Cat Rescue to highlight the importance of the lion globally and to raise lion conservation awareness worldwide.



- 12th August—Elephant Day! A day dedicated to the world's largest land animal, we will be exploring where they live, what they like to do and all sorts of fun facts about them to raise awareness of these fantastic endangered beasts!



- 19th August—International Orangutan Day! We will be learning about these beautiful brightly coloured creatures and how their habitat is so precious and what we can do to help!



- 24th August—International Dog Day! A day to celebrate man's best friend! We will be looking at the characteristics of dogs and how they vary so much from breed to breed!



- 28th August—International Bat Night! We will be learning about bats and how they stay awake at night-time!



Babies and Young Children are the best language learners on the planet!

Your new born baby can already distinguish the unique rhythmic patterns of the language they heard you speaking in the months before their birth.

By the time your baby has started babbling sounds, they have already started learning abstract language patterns and creating abstract language rules.

Language learning increases your baby's attention to nearby objects. This cognitive attention-boosting by language is found in babies as young as 3 months.

When your baby is babbling, they are experimenting. Babies babble both speech sounds and non-speech sounds and their brains learn to filter out which sounds do not belong to the language they are learning. For example, some babies may practice raspberries during babbling until they learn the sound is not part of the target language.

By the time your baby says their first words, they are already able to understand a large number of words of their language, even if they aren't able to say them all yet.



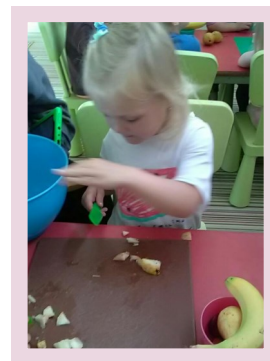
May we ask parents and carers to keep us up to date with any contact information changing, including addresses, work contact and personal contact numbers.

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.

www.littlebeansdaycare.com



Recipe of the Month: Turkey Bolognaise

Ingredients

800g minced turkey
250g green lentils
2 cartons tomato passata
1 tin chopped tomatoes
250g grated carrots
2 grated courgettes
2tbsp ground garlic
2tbsp mixed herbs
2 vegetable stock cubes
1 packet of spaghetti

Method:

1. Boil the minced turkey and lentils in a pot of water for 30 mins.
2. Meanwhile grate or finally chop the courgettes and carrots and place them into the minced turkey and lentil mixture for the last 10 mins
3. Once cooked add the tomato passata, herbs, garlic and the chopped tomatoes together and simmer for 20 mins
4. Place the spaghetti into a pot of boiling water and boil for 20 mins until cooked.
5. Serve and enjoy!!



Top Tip:

If you would like to make meal times more fun, once the spaghetti is cooked mix some food colouring in it and leave for 5 mins to soak up. You will get fun colourful spaghetti! If your child prefers pasta then you can do the same with pasta instead of spaghetti.

Term Dates for Term Time Only Children

Autumn Term

Term 1 - Monday 5th September 2022 – Friday 22nd October 2022

Half term – Monday 24th October 2022 – Friday 28th October 2022

Term 2 – Monday 31st October 2022 – Friday 16th December 2022

Spring term

Term 1 - Monday 9th January 2023 – Friday 10th February 2023

Half term – Monday 13th February 2023 – Friday 17th February 2023

Term 2 – Monday 20th February 2023 – Friday 31st March 2023

Summer term

Easter Holidays – Monday 3rd April 2023 – Friday 14th April 2023

Term 1 – Monday 17th April 2023 – Friday 26th May 2023

Half term – Monday 29th May 2023 – Friday 2nd June 2023

Term 2 – Monday 5th June 2023 – Friday 21st July 2023

Summer Holidays – Monday 24th July 2023 – Friday 1st September 2023

Term dates – All year round (AYR) children:

Academic year -Monday 5th September 2022 – Friday 1st September 2023

Autumn term 5th September 2022 – 23rd December 2022
(16 weeks)

Spring Term 2nd January 2023 – 31st March 2023 (13 weeks)

Summer Term 3rd April 2023 – 1st September 2023 (22 weeks)

Closed for Christmas – Monday 26th December 2022 – Friday 30th December 2022 Inclusive

Bank Holidays and Dates for your Diary

Monday 29th August 2022

Monday 26th December 2022

Tuesday 27th December 2022

Monday 2nd January 2023

Friday 7th April 2023

Monday 10th April 2023

Monday 1st May 2023

Monday 29th May 2023

Monday 28th August 2023



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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Little Beans Before and After School Club!

Little Beans offer before and after school clubs for our Little Beans who have grown up and gone to school!

Little Beans provide breakfast and drop off to Longfleet school every morning, and collection with a light tea after school each day!

Before School Club £5

After School Club £10

Please speak to a member of the office team for more information and to get your child booked in!

