

January 2023 Newsletter



Welcome back to all the Little Beans and their families!

We hope everyone enjoyed the Christmas break and are looking forward to a fantastic year ahead.



Please ensure you are regularly checking Tapestry and engaging with the posts and observations from staff!

There have been a few updates on Tapestry with regards to key workers, please let a member a team know if you are unable to access Tapestry or if you would like if you would like any help using Tapestry.

This month the Little beans will be learning about:

Weather and Seasons

We will be learning all about the different types of weather and how these vary all over the world! We will be exploring the four seasons, and talking about what 'typical' weather we should expect in each of these—but also discussing how unpredictable weather can be!



We will be seeking to answer questions such as why do the leaves fall off the trees? Where do our insects and animals go when it's chilly outside? How do they keep cool in the summer? Why do some plants only blossom in the summer?

How can we keep ourselves warm in colder weather? What is important to do when the weather is warm?



Little Beans Celebrations Events & Special Days in February 2023

- 4th January 2023—A day to raise awareness of the importance of Braille as a means of communication. At little Beans we will be looking at Braille, as well as learning about others ways of communicating.
- 5th January 2023—The twelfth day after Christmas and the official end of the Christmas season, on this day we will talk about and share our Christmas experiences and memories with each other.



- 18th January 2023—Winnie the Pooh Day! A day to celebrate author A. A Milne's birthday, Winnie the Pooh day celebrated the beloved honey-obsessed bear! We will be holding Teddy Bear's picnics, and making honey-flavoured treats!

- 21st January 2023—Red Squirrel Appreciation Day! Red squirrels are native to the UK but at risk, on this day we will be exploring these colourful fluffy animals and talking about their habitats as well as ways to protect them!



- 22nd January 2023— The new year according to the Chinese Calendar, in 2023 we welcome the year of the Rabbit. An event celebrated all around the world, here at Little Beans we will be celebrating by learning more about the Chinese culture. Practising using chop sticks, trying different Chinese foods and making lucky wallets.

- 25th January 2023— Burns Night! A Scottish celebration to commemorate Scotland's national poet Robert Burns! At Little Beans we will be talking about traditional dishes eaten on this night such as fish soup, as well as exploring Scottish traditions and customs such as tartan patterning and the sound of bagpipes!

- 26th January 2023—Australia Day! We will be learning all about Australia and the land down under and discussing the different animals, weather patterns and traditions they have!



- 28th January 2023—Lego Day! The date which marks when the first 2x4 Lego brick was patented and to celebrate the fantastic journey of imagination which a simple Lego brick can take us on! We will be building and creating all day using lots of different materials and resources to show the power of the imagination and bricks!



- 31st January 2023—International Zebra Day! On this day we will be celebrating all that is stripey and learning about these fantastic black and white beasts! We will be learning all sorts of fun facts such as how each Zebra's stripes are unique just like our fingerprints are!

Term Dates for Term Time Only Children

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

HALF TERM – Monday 13th February – Friday 17th February 2023 (All Year Round children to attend only)

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

2023 EASTER HOLIDAY – Monday 3rd April 2023 – Friday 14th April 2023 (All Year Round children to attend only)

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

HALF TERM - Monday 29th May 2023 – Friday 2nd June 2023 (All Year Round children to attend only)

Summer Term 2—Monday 5th June 2023 --Friday 21st July 2023.

Summer Holidays— Monday 24th July - Friday 1st September 2023.

Bank Holidays and Dates for your Diary

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

Monday 2nd January 2023—New Years substitute bank holiday

All Year Round Children return on Tuesday 3rd January 2023.

Friday 7th April 2023—Good Friday

Monday 10th April 2023—Easter Monday

Monday 1st May 2023—Early May Holiday

Monday 8th May 2023—Additional Bank Holiday

For King's Coronation.

Monday 29th May 2023—Spring Holiday

Monday 28th August 2023—Summer Bank Holiday

Recipe of the Month:

Quiche

Ingredients:

- 9oz plain flour
- 4 oz butter
- 4-5 tbsp iced water
- 3 onions
- 5 eggs
- 350l milk or cream
- 100g cheese.



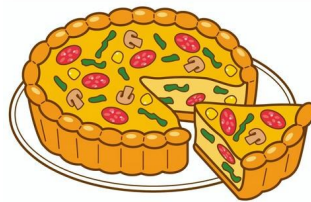
Method:

1. Place the butter and flour into a bowl and mix into breadcrumbs.
2. Once in breadcrumb form, slowly add the water and mix until it makes a dough.
3. Place into a baking dish and bake for 20 mins on gas mark 7.
4. Whilst the base is cooking; put the milk/cheese and eggs into a bowl along with the onions (chopped) and cheese (grated).
5. Use a whisk to mix the ingredients together until lightly fluffy.
6. Add the mixture to the part baked base and place back in the oven for a further 30 mins.
7. Enjoy hot or cold with salad and/or chips.



Top Tip

If your not a fan of onion; try switching it out for something different.



Fancy something a bit different, trying adding tomatoes, bacon, broccoli or even a type of cheese or two!

Little Beans Lunches & Teas

Check out the new 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!

Facebook and Instagram

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



<https://www.facebook.com/littlebeansgarland>
search on Instagram; Little Beans.

Clothing and Lost Property

Please ensure your Little Bean has plenty of spare clothing in their bag! 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 January and then we will be taking the remainder to the charity shop!



Welcome Rosie



We would like to introduce Rosie to you. Rosie has joined us and will be based in the two's room as she completes her apprenticeship. Rosie is very excited to help the Little Beans flourish and develop as she helps them to learn and develop. When Rosie is not at work she enjoys spending quality time with her friends and family.

Polite reminder

Please can I remind all parents and carers about the importance of picking up your child on time.

We have legal ratios to adhere to, which when a child is picked up late, means we have to keep staff on in order to keep to this.



January's Fun Fact:

When children pretend, they're using their imaginations to move beyond the bounds of reality. A stick can be a magic wand; a sock can be a puppet; a small child can be a superhero.

Fred Rogers

You can help and encourage your children to use their own imagination by using yours. Spend time playing with them, pretend to drink the cup of tea, or why not get outside for a walk and search for the fairies.



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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Uniform

Little Beans have gorgeous, embroidered uniform that is available to purchase. Our uniform has many positive benefits, first and foremost it helps your child feel like they belong – they recognise the logo, and they associate it with a place that they feel safe, happy and secure. Uniform also helps to prepare your child for school and also means that your lovely clothes stay clean! We have a range of uniform items from hats to polo tops to jumpers! Ask a member of the team if you would like to place an order or look at what uniform we have available!

