

Little Beans

Weymouth



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A Warm Welcome! To all our parents, carers & children

----- FROM LYNNE, MANAGER

A warm welcome to all our parents, carers, and children, some of who have recently joined us and some who have returned from holiday refreshed and ready to start the term ahead.

We hope you are happy with your child's settling in arrangements. To the parents of the new children starting; this will be a big step for them. We would like to assure you that here at Little Beans, we will work hard to make sure each child's needs and requirements are met. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or queries.

Settling in - Please remember that transition is a process, not an event!

Over the coming weeks/and month of September your child may express a range of emotions about being here, and away from you, even for those children who are returning to a relatively familiar space. I can personally assure you that the staff are experienced with supporting children in settling in. Please speak to your child's key person if you have any concerns. We would like to host a **Welcome Parents and Children Day on Saturday 9th September 2023 from 9.30am to 11.30am.** Please come along and introduce yourselves and get to know the Little Bean Weymouth family a little better!



This month We are learning.....

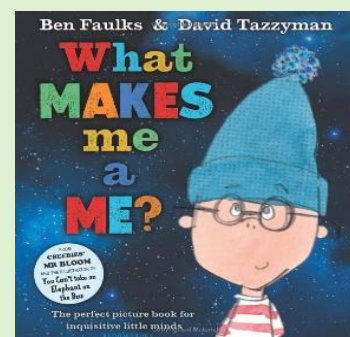
----- ALL ABOUT ME!

This month our theme is **All About Me!** What makes us who we are? Our Little Beans will be talking all about themselves and what makes them individuals! Self confidence and self awareness is a key part of your child's personal, social and emotional development.

We will be looking at how to promote self-awareness and how this stems from having strong emotional awareness, accurate self assessment, and self-confidence. In other words, it is all about knowing your emotions, your personal strengths and weaknesses, and having a strong sense of your own worth.

Please could you send your child in with a family photo and photos of their homes so we can talk about these in circle time.

To support our 'All about me' and activities our core book for this month is 'What makes me a me'. This is a story about identity, in which the character compares himself to a range of animals, inanimate objects and even the naughty boy next door, concluding that, whilst there are some similarities, he is nothing like any of these and that "everybody's different in their own special way". In a diverse world we know it is important for children to recognise and celebrate their own uniqueness and the uniqueness for others.





Little Beans Weymouth Garden – August 2023

Weymouth Car Park

----- NEW SPACES!

We now have designated 'Little Beans' parking in the car park!

Please use these spaces for drop-offs and pick-ups.

If you have any issues with parking, please do let us know – we are aware that the car park can get busy at peak times of the day!

Take care when crossing the car park with your Little Beans.



Little Beans Celebrates!

Events in September 2023

8th Sept 2023 – International Literacy day! An opportunity to promote the importance of literacy, a day to focus on reading, writing and mark making! Here at Little Beans make it our priority to make sure we have a wide range of resources every day to support these aspects of learning, this is such an integral part of life long learning and a fabulous way to learn and expand our knowledge.

11th Sept 2023 – Teddy Bear Day! A day for appreciation of favourite teddy bears and the companionship that they offer, every day and night! Please bring in your favourite teddy bear to show your friends and circle time.

13th Sept 2023 – Roald Dahl Day! The Birthday of Author Roald Dahl, this day was chosen as a day to promote reading. Please think if your favourite Roald Dahl book and come dressed as a character.

19th Sept 2023 – Shiver me timbers, its talk like a Pirate day! A full day at Little Beans full of pirate themed activities. What a fantastic, fun way to promote learning across all aspects of the curriculum but especially language, learning all about pirates and how they sail the seas!

21st Sept 2023 - U.N. International Day of Peace. A globally shared date for all humanity to commit to Peace above all differences and to contribute to building a Culture of Peace.

23rd Sept 2023 – Autumn officially begins! We will be using our circle times and key worker times to discuss the seasons, months and days and how the environment changes throughout the year!



Did you know.....



One of the most critical stages of development and learning is from birth to five years old. The first five years of child development are critical to their health, wellbeing, and the overall trajectory of their lives in a variety of ways.

The brain is developing connections through their everyday experiences, and through positive interactions with parents and caregivers, using their senses to interact with the world.



Little Bean's Recipe of the Month

Apple Crumble

----- INGREDIENTS

- 4 large cooking apples
- 250g caster sugar
- 250g butter
- 250g oats

Top Tip:

If you would like to add any other fruit to the apples, then it is possible. Why not try mixed berries, cherries, rhubarb

----- METHOD

1. Peel and chop the apples into slices and place them into an oven proof tray.
2. Mix the butter, oats and caster sugar together until it makes a bread crumb texture.
3. Sprinkle the mixture on top of the apples and bake in the oven for 30 mins on gas mark 7, 180 degrees until golden brown.
4. You can serve this hot or cold – try adding custard to the hot dish - delicious!
5. Serve and devour

-----Enjoy!

TERM DATES FOR TERM TIME ONLY (TTO) CHILDREN:

AUTUMN TERM

Term 1 – Monday 4th September 2023 – Friday 20th October 2023

Half term – Monday 23rd October 2023 – Friday 27th October 2023

Term 2 – Monday 30th October 2023 – Friday 15th December 2023

SPRING TERM

Term 1 - Monday 8th January 2024 – Friday 9th February 2024

Half term – Monday 12th February 2024 – Friday 16th February 2024

Term 2 – Monday 19th February 2024 – Friday 29th March 2024

Easter Holidays – Monday 1st April 2024 – Friday 12th April 2024

SUMMER TERM

Term 1 – Monday 15th April 2024 – Friday 24th May 2024

Half term – Monday 27th May 2024 – Friday 31st May 2024

Term 2 – Monday 3rd June 2024 – Friday 19th July 2024

TERM DATES FOR ALL YEAR ROUND (AYR) CHILDREN:

Academic year - Monday 4th September 2023 – Friday 30th August 2024

Autumn term - 4th September 2023 – 23rd December 2023 (16 weeks)

Spring term - 1st January - 29th March 2024

Summer term 1st April - 30th August 2024

Summer Holidays – Monday 22nd July 2024 – Friday 30th August 2024

Bank Holidays (nursery closed)

Monday 25th December 2023

Tuesday 26th December 2023

Monday 1st January 2024

Monday 29th March 2024

Xmas Closure Dates for your Diary (nursery closed)

25th December 2023 to 1st January 2024.

Little Beans reopens on 2nd January 2024 for AYR children.

TTO children return on 8th January 2024





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We always love to hear your Feedback!

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

Thank you!



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.

You can also leave reviews!

<https://www.facebook.com/littlebeansweymouth>

Search on Instagram under 'Little Beans Day Care'

Little Beans Website

Our website also has lots of useful information which we up-date each month. We put all newsletters, menus, and dates for the diary on it.

You can check the website to keep updated with what's going on www.littlebeansdaycare.com

