

Little Beans

Weymouth



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Harvest Food Bank

To all our parents, carers & children

----- FROM LYNNE, MANAGER

Throughout October, many settings across the UK focus on food, sharing and helping others in the local community.

We would like to invite you and your child to bring in contributions of canned and non-perishable foods across October, and at the end of the festival, the food will be donated to our local food bank to support people in need.

By participating in this very important activity the children will learn the importance of being kind and compassionate. They will also learn about where food comes from and exploring different types of food.

Ideas for donations include: baby food; biscuits; cereals; dried pasta; instant coffee; long-life fruit juice; long-life milk; microwaveable puddings; pasta sauces; rice; shower gel; snack bars; tea bags; tinned fruit; tinned meat and fish; tinned puddings; tinned soup; tinned vegetables; toilet rolls; vegetarian options.



This month

We are learning about.....

----- PEOPLE WHO HELP US!

Our theme in October at Little Beans is 'People who help us'. The teachers will be using a collection of teaching resources to assist the 'People who help us' theme, including games, activities, stories, displays and posters. We will be looking at the range of people involved in our lives and community and how they help us! If you have any pictures of your children with 'People who help us', we would love you to upload them to tapestry, to help extend their learning.

At home, you could be showing your child where the phone is and how to call for help in an emergency and by teaching them important things like the name of the road you live on and door number! These pieces of information could save lives in an emergency!

We will look at people who helps us when we are feeling poorly, doctors, nurses, dentists and also talking about police and how they help keep us safe. If you have a job role that helps please feel free to email photographs or any resources, for example we would love to hear from police, dentists, doctors, fire people and anyone else who works within the community!





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Seasonal Activities

----- THIS MONTH

This month the children will also be taking part in fun activities to support their learning about the Autumn season. We will be creating our own autumn leaves using salt dough & paint.

We will be exploring autumn materials in the tuft tray such as conkers, leaves, pinecones, and autumn animals. We will be leaf printing using autumn coloured paints and learning a seasonal song.



Little Beans Celebrates!

Events in October 2023

1st to 31st October - The Big Draw! This is a month-long festival of drawing activities for young and old alike, we will be doing lots of mark making and drawing activities to develop those fine-motor skills!

4th to 10th October - Space Week! A week to celebrate the world's investigations and missions into space! We will be looking at planets and building our own Little Beans rockets!

5th October - World Smile Day! A day started by Harvey Ball, creator of the smiley, as a day which is dedicated to smiles and kind acts throughout the world. We will be thinking about all the things which make us smile, and how we can make each other smile!

5th October - National Poetry Day! A day for celebrating poetry's power to bring people together. We will be looking at all things rhythmic and looking at some of our favourite poems and songs!

10th October Grandparents Day! The UK's celebration of grandmothers, grandfathers and all grandparents! We will be celebrating by making some fantastic pieces of art to give to our grandparents!

20th October - World Singing Day! Laa, laa, laa! Today we will be celebrating song and music and discussing our favourite songs!

30th October -World Cat Day! A day to celebrate our feline friends! We will be learning that cats come in all different shapes and sizes, from tigers to our household pets! Please add a photo of your cats to tapestry for us to share.

31st October - Halloween! We will be dressing up and cooking up some potions, carving pumpkins and decorating Halloween sweet treats! We would love to see your favourite Halloween costume.

Big School places - 2024!

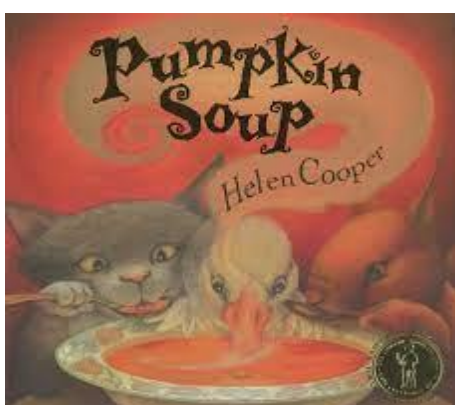
----- REMINDER

For children born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020, parents need to apply now for a school place for September 2024. The closing date for applications for reception places is 15th January 2024.

Please ask any of the Little Beans staff for any further information or advice about applying for school places for your child!



Book of the month..... 'Pumpkin Soup'



This is a beautifully illustrated book by Helen Cooper that tells the story of three friends: Cat, Duck and Squirrel, who live together in a cabin in the woods and make pumpkin soup every day. The story explores the themes of friendship, cooperation, conflict and reconciliation.

The children will learn the importance of being a good friend by sharing and taking turns and how their actions can impact on others.

They will make their own pumpkin soup, use the seeds to create beautiful autumn pictures and make pumpkin lanterns.



Little Bean's Recipe of the Month

Sausage, mash and minted peas

----- INGREDIENTS

- Desired amount of sausages
- Desired amount of potatoes
- 100g peas
- 40g lemon juice
- 80ml vinegar
- 100ml boiling water
- 40g sugar
- 1 packet of fresh mint

Top Tip:

This goes well with lamb, also try mixing the mint sauce in with the gravy depending how strong you like the taste.

----- METHOD

1. Place the sausages in the oven to cook on gas mark 6 for 25 minutes.
2. Whilst they are cooking chop the potatoes and place in a pot to boil (peeling them is optional)
3. Place the peas in a different pot to boil.
4. During the time they are boiling finely chop the mint and put in a jug, add the lemon juice, water, vinegar and sugar and mix well.
5. Drain the peas and add the minted mixture to them and leave on the hob for 5 minutes to simmer.
6. When serving use a slotted spoon so the excess water drains of the peas.
7. Once the potatoes are cooked, drain and mash with some butter and milk.
8. Take the sausages from the oven when cooked and serve alongside the mash and peas!

-----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

