

Little Beans

Garland



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Happy New Year!! Welcome back Little Beans.....

-----ROLL ON 2024!

Welcome back to all the Little Beans and their families! We hope everyone enjoyed the festive break as much as we did.

The Little Beans team are looking forward to a fantastic fun-filled year ahead. There will be lots going on throughout the year so make sure to check on the website and our monthly newsletters to keep up to date.

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

Please let us know if you are unable to access Tapestry or if you would like any help using Tapestry. We would be happy to show you around it so that you can get the most out of it.



This month.....
We 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 Celebrates!

Events in January 2024

4th January 2024 - 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 2024 - 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 2024 - 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 2024 - Red Squirrel Appreciation Day! (We will celebrate on 22nd January). 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! Did you know that Brownsea Island is one of the few places left in the UK where you can catch a glimpse of a red squirrel?



25th January 2024 – 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 2024 — 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 2024 - Lego Day! (we will celebrate it on 29th January). 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 2024 — 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!



January’s fun fact!

----- IMAGINATION

When children pretend, they’re using their imaginations to move beyond the bounds of reality. That’s why at Little Beans we nurture children’s imagination’s and allow their play to follow whichever direction they choose! A play in the sand pit can soon become all about saving animals from the giant sand volcano due to erupt any minute!

A stick can be a magic wand; a sock can be a puppet; a small child can be a superhero.

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.





Little Bean’s 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.

Top Tip:

If you’re not a fan of onion; try switching it out for something else. Fancy something a bit different, trying adding tomatoes, bacon, broccoli or even a type of cheese or two!

----- 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.

-----Enjoy!

TERM DATES FOR ALL YEAR ROUND (AYR) CHILDREN:		
TERM DATES FOR TERM TIME ONLY (TTO) CHILDREN:	Academic year - Monday 4th September 2023 – Friday 30 th August 2024	Bank Holidays (nursery closed)
	Autumn term - 4 th September 2023 – 23 rd December 2023 (16 weeks)	Monday 1 st January 2024
	Spring term - 1 st January - 29 th March 2024	Monday 29 th March 2024
	Summer term 1 st April - 30 th August 2024 Summer Holidays – Monday 22nd July 2024 – Friday 30th August 2024	Xmas Closure Dates for your Diary (nursery closed) 25th December 2023 to 1 st January 2024. Little Beans reopens on 2 nd January 2024 for AYR children. TTO children return on 8 th January 2024
SUMMER TERM		
Term 1 – Monday 15 th April 2024 – Friday 24 th May 2024		
Half term – Monday 27 th May 2024 – Friday 31 st May 2024		
Term 2 – Monday 3 rd June 2024 – Friday 19 th July 2024		





Little Beans Garland – Poole Harbour – Can you spot Brownsea island where the red squirrels live?!

Notices and housekeeping!

Please can we 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 must keep staff on in order to keep to this.

We look forward to seeing our all year-round children W/C Tuesday 2nd January 2024, and our term time only children the W/C 8th January 2024.

Please make sure you are careful of the parking bollards/posts installed in the car park. They are there to protect your spaces for ease of drop off. There is the potential to cause damage to your tyres if you drive over them. Little Beans accepts no responsibility for any damage so caused.

Funding from April 2024

If your child turns 2 between 1st of January 2024 and 31st March 2024 (or already has turned 2) you may be entitled to some additional funding via the government towards your nursery bill from April 2024. Little Beans will be accepting the new funding coming into place from April 2024, more information can be found here: [Upcoming changes to childcare support | Childcare choices](#)

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/littlebeansgarland/>

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

