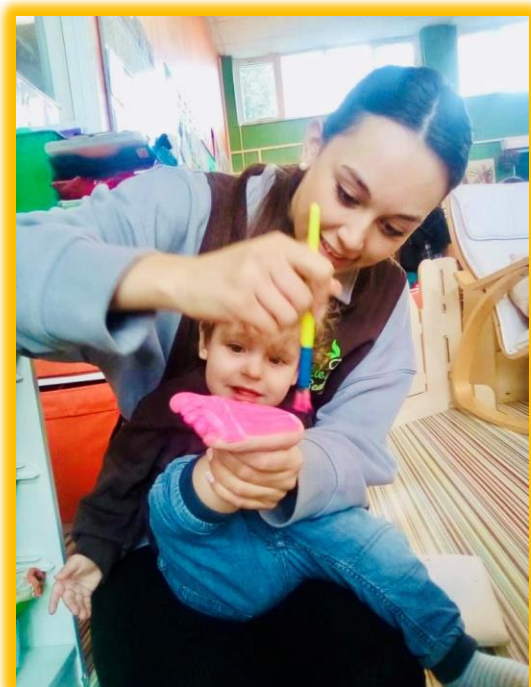


Little Beans

Garland



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Hello Spring!

Welcome to the April 2024 edition of our Newsletter.

We are welcoming in the warmer weather this month and we are thoroughly excited to spend more time outside and watch how our environment changes with the season! With this in mind, we please ask that you ensure your Little Bean has plenty of spare clothing, and items to suit all weathers – whether we will be dancing in the rain or planting flowers in the sun, we'll be spending lots of time outside.

We absolutely love exploring our seasons and exploring, learning and growing with our environment! We are excited to breathe some spring air in our gardens. If you have any plant cuttings (or tips on how to grow things successfully in our fabulous British weather) then please let us know!



This month.....

We will be learning about.....
Stories and Books!

During the month of April your Little Bean will be exploring all things literature! From our favourite stories, books and fables, the Little Beans will be learning all about books!

Sharing stories, talking and singing every day helps children's development in many ways. Reading and sharing stories can help children get to know sounds, words and language, and develop early literacy skills! The Little Beans will learn to value books and stories and spark their imagination and stimulate curiosity! Reading helps to develop our Little Beans' brain, ability to focus, concentration, social skills and communication skills!

The Little Beans will be role playing, acting out stories and using small world resources to develop their storytelling to help learn the difference between 'real' and 'make-believe'.

The Little Beans will be using messy play to distinguish which porridge is too hot, too cold or just right.

Stories help us to understand emotions as well as many other benefits, and the Little Beans will be using books and stories to work out how we might feel in situations. We will also be using stories and characters to perhaps decide how we could make a character feel better about a situation, and explore ways to make ourselves feel happy!



Your child is a Scientist!

Play gives children many opportunities to think and solve problems.

Children can learn by playing with pots and pans, cups and spoons, and other clean and safe household items.

They learn by banging, dropping, and putting things in and taking things out of containers.

Children learn by stacking things up and watching things fall and testing the sounds of different objects by hitting them together.

Play is like children's "work"!



What is going on?!

Special events in April 2024

1st April - April Fool's Day!

Celebrated all over the world as a morning of jokes and tricks - but don't play a trick after noon - or you are the fool! Since this is the bank holiday Monday, the Little Beans will be talking about the jokes and they played on their families and trying hard to make each other laugh!

Easter (Easter Friday 29th March, Easter Sunday 31st March and Easter Monday 1st April)

The Little Beans will be talking about Easter the first week of April and engaging in activities based around Easter and Spring! We will be searching high and low for Easter Eggs, trying hot cross buns and seeing who can design the best Easter Egg!

2nd April - International Children's Book Day

The Little Beans will be celebrating books and stories all month long in celebration of international children's book day and talking about our favourites!

22nd April - World Earth Day

Worldwide event to raise awareness of the environmental issues which face the whole of planet Earth! The Little Beans will be using this day to engage in lots of recycling and junk modelling activities, as well as talking about our home and how important it is to look after our World.

23rd April - St George's Day

The patron saint of England's bravery will be celebrated by talking all about how we are brave! We will also be looking at the England flag and designing our own!

25th April - Penguin Day

Awareness day to highlight the dangers that penguin's habitats face, as well as the number of penguin species which are endangered.

29th April - International Dance Day

A celebration day for those who can see the value and importance of the art form "dance". The Little Beans will try out all their dance moves!





Little Bean's Recipe of the Month

Stir Fry

----- INGREDIENTS

- 1 Carton of Tomato Passata
- 1 Vegetable Stock Cube
- 20ml of Soy Sauce
- 1/2 tbsp of Ground Garlic
- 1 tbsp of Chinese 5 Spice
- 250g of Mixed Vegetables
- 200g of Rice or Noodles

Top Tip:

It's really easy to replicate your favourite take away stir fry dish – and if you want to add some protein, you can use either diced chicken or pork.

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1. Boil the rice or noodles for 15 minutes then add the vegetables and boil for a further 15 minutes.
2. Drain the noodles and vegetables and then add the passata and soy sauce, mix well.
3. Simmer on a medium heat for 10 minutes.
4. Add the spices to the mixture and simmer for a further 15 minutes.
5. Add boiling water if necessary.

If you want to add chicken or pork, fry the meat separately in a little oil until cooked through and then add to the noodle and vegetable mix after step 5!

-----Enjoy!

TERM DATES FOR TERM TIME ONLY (TTO) CHILDREN:

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 1st January 2024

Friday 29th March 2024

Monday 1st April 2024

Monday 6th May 2024

Monday 27th May 2024

Monday 26th August 2024

Wednesday 25th December 2024

Thursday 26th December 2024





Little Beans Garland – March 2024 – World Down's Syndrome Day

Notices and housekeeping

What's Going On!

Little Beans offers lots of fun activities for the children each week.

On a Monday and Friday afternoon Our lovely cook Laura does a cooking class with the children – it is always a fun time baking with Laura then eating it all up!

On a Tuesday the Preschool and 2's children enjoy a French lesson with Marie! The children learn some of our favourite nursery rhymes in French, as well as words and phrases to do with our monthly themes!

On a Thursday the Little Beans have a Dance class with Emily of Itsy Bitsy – we absolutely love getting our groove on and exploring music through movement!

Throughout the week we go out and about into our community as much as possible! We have recently been to Poole park, the library, the shops and even on a bus trip! If you have any more suggestions about where we could explore, then please let us know!



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

