

Little Beans

Weymouth



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Easter is here!

During April, our Little Beans will:

- Become familiar with Easter celebrations. They will celebrate by listening to songs and stories associated with Easter.
- Participate in our Easter Bonnet Parade.
- Develop an awareness of Easter related artefacts e.g. Easter bonnets, bunnies, carrots, eggs, chicks.



Growth and new growth – we will:

- name and identify baby animals on the farm;
- develop an awareness of new life in Spring e.g. buds on trees, flowers in gardens, frogs and chicks;
- observe first hand the life-cycle of a butterfly;
- develop an awareness of stages of their own personal growth from baby to now;
- develop understanding of care of babies and develop empathy towards them;
- develop understanding of planting processes of vegetables and flowers; and
- participate in a wide range of planting activities and begin to understand the planting and growing process.

Minibeasts!

With this theme, we aim to:

- Develop respect for living things and learn how to care for mini-beasts i.e. caterpillars as they transition to butterflies.
- Name a variety of mini-beasts and their body parts e.g. wing, leg, antennae.
- Become familiar with mini-beast's habitats and their environment (fields, lakes, pond, river, flowers, moss etc.)
- Count the number of legs etc. of the various mini-beasts through their play, songs, rhymes and stories!





Little Beans Weymouth – March 2024

Little Beans Celebrates!

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!



Core Books

----- THIS MONTH

We have chosen specific 'core books' which we want our children to know well by the time they leave nursery. These books are the type of books that can be re-visited again and again on different levels to support language development.

The idea is that children will develop language and increase vocabulary in addition to gaining a love of books and will become very familiar with these known texts so that they can remember and re-tell them.

Our shared reading plan includes strategies which encourage the children to join in, so that the experience of reading becomes interactive and the children begin to learn the story as they are read to. In each book there is lots to discuss so that the children understand the vocabulary as well as what is happening.

All of our core books have pictures, which support the text but also compliment and add to it. We discuss the pictures and what is happening in them as much as the text.

We find our children learn parts / all of the books word for word after a while, which can give them great confidence as early readers in terms of fluency when reading.





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.
6. 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

Monday 29th March 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 Weymouth – Happy Easter 2024

Notices and Housekeeping!

Promoting childrens independence

As you know some of our children will be leaving for school in July.

We would love to support their transition and prepare them to be ready for school by promoting their self care and independence skills.

We would like to ask that you provide your child with 'croc's' or equivalent. This is so it is easier for the children to take control of putting on and taking off their shoes when coming in and out of the garden.

Once children feel they are in control of doing this, this will motivate them to take more control of their own autonomy.

Parent's Get Together

We pride ourselves in creating a family feel at Little Beans, and so, we would like to invite you to our parent get together on Saturday May 3rd at 09.30-11.30am. This is a great opportunity to come along and meet other Little Beans families and see how happy your child is in their nursery setting.

Toilet Training

We are more than happy to support you with your child's toilet training! Please talk to your child's keyperson when you would like to start this.

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





Little Beans Weymouth

April Songs & Rhymes !

I Dig my Garden

I dig my garden, dig, dig, dig
 I dig my garden I dig it deep
 I plant some seeds and I
 watch them grow,
 But along comes a rabbit
 and oh no!
 He eats my carrots,
 Munch, munch, munch
 He eats my carrots he
 eats the whole bunch
 I run to my garden and I shoo,
 shoo, shoo - But the rabbit will
 come back,
 Oh what will I do, But the rabbit
 will
 come back, Oh what will I do?



Five little speckled frogs

Five little speckled frogs sat on a
 speckled log,
 Eating some most delicious bugs
 (yum
 yum!)
 One jumped into the pool, where it
 was nice and cool
 Then there were four speckled
 frogs
 (glug glug!)
 Continue 4,3,2,1,



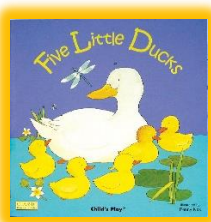
One Little Bunny

One little, two little,
 three little bunnies,
 Four little, five little, six
 little bunnies,
 seven little, eight little
 nine little bunnies,
 Ten little bunnies
 hopping round.



5 Little Ducks

Five little ducks went swimming one
 Day, over the hill and far away
 Mummy duck shouts quack, quack,
 quack, quack,
 But only four little ducks came back.
 Four little ducks.....
 Three little ducks.....
 Two little ducks.....
 One little duck.....



It Is Spring Time - To the tune of
 "Are You Sleeping?"
 It is Spring time. It is Spring time.
 Winter's gone! Winter's gone!
 Soon it will be summer. Soon it will
 be summer.
 It won't be long. It won't be long.



I'm a Little Piggy Sung to: "I'm a little Teapot"

I'm a little piggy short and
 stout
 Here are my ears, Here is my
 snout
 When I see the Farmer in the
 dell, I oink, oink, oink and
 wiggle my tail.
 Here is a pig fat and round.
 He uses his snout to dig up
 the ground.
 Here is a turkey, and a
 rooster, too.
 He crows with a "Cock-a-
 doodle-doo!"
 Here is a cow who gives us
 milk.
 Her nose is cold and soft as
 silk.
 Here is a sheep, "Baa-baa" she
 goes.
 She gives us the wool to make
 our clothes.
 Here is a peeping baby duck.
 Here is a hen that says, "Cluck,
 cluck!"



Pigs in the Mud

Tune: "Row, Row, Row Your
 Boat"
 Roll, roll, roll around
 In the mud all day.
 That is what the pigs all do.
 What a way to play! That is
 how they stay,
 Oh, so very nice and cool On
 a sunny day.

