

Little Beans

Weymouth



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Joyous June!

We are thrilled to announce the addition of two fantastic new members to our staff team - Jess and Lilli!

Jess has over 8 years' experience working with children and young people and has recently completed a foundation degree in Early Childhood Studies, Care and Education. She is currently studying for a BA Hons in Early Years Education.

Lilli is an apprentice childcare practitioner currently working towards her level 2 in Early Years.

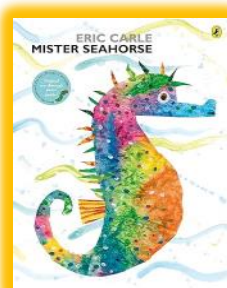
A warm welcome to both of you!

Bring a Plant Week – 3rd June to 7th June 2024

Over the summer we will be encouraging the children to plant flowers in our outdoor area. If you would like to donate plants, flowers, or any other resources, we would be very grateful.

Book of the month - Mister Seahorse by Eric Carle

This beautifully illustrated picture book for preschoolers shows a seahorse dad under the sea nurturing his young. The story of Mister Seahorse follows the colourful lead character through swishing, swirling sea waters to the place where he hatches his young. In each colourful image, Mister Seahorse's pouch grows bigger and bigger. The reader sees all sorts of camouflaged underwater sea life and the title character meets many friends along the way.



This month.....

We will be learning about.....

Space and Planets!

By learning about space and planets your Little Bean will nurture their appreciation of the world we live in and discover what they can do to continue to preserve and respect our natural resources!

Learning about space is about venturing into the unknown, promoting creative thinking, 'what if' scenarios and expanding curious minds.

It provides opportunities for experimentation, to explain why some things occur and to talk about how and why things change, by learning to make observations.

We will be seeking to answer questions such as which is the biggest planet, and is the moon really made of cheese?

Your Little Bean will be exploring the world of non-fiction as discovering where and how they can access resources to teach us facts about our world. We will be using books, videos, and the internet to find out the names of our planets and fun facts about the planets such as how Saturn has over 60 moons!

We will be discovering how space and planets are important to us, from giving us daytime and nighttime to how Jupiter filters the solar system of comets!





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Little Beans Celebrates!

Events in June 2024

3rd June to 9th June: Child Safety Week

Organised by the Child Accident Prevention Trust to promote safety issues for children.

5th June 2024: World Environment Day

A day the United Nations set aside to stimulate worldwide awareness and action for the protection of our environment.

8th June 2024: World Ocean Day!

Event organised by The Ocean Project to raise awareness of the oceans and the living creatures that make their home there. The Little Beans will be exploring all things under the sea and looking at not only who lives there but how we can help the animals who live there!

10th to 14th June 2024: Healthy eating week: Organised by the British Nutrition Foundation, this week aims to connect people, food and science and provide impartial, evidence-based information to people so they can adopt healthy, sustainable diets - for life. Little Beans will be making some delicious healthy food with Laura during cooking classes too.



15th June 2024: King's Official birthday

Celebrations of the monarch's official birthday are held in June across the Commonwealth and include the Trooping of the Colour in London.

16th June 2024: Father's Day!

The Little Beans will be making cards for those special male figures in our lives and talking all about kindness and appreciating those we love!

19th June 2024: National writing day

A day for everybody across the UK to put pen to paper (or fingers to keyboard), unleash their imagination and make their voices heard. We will be making marks in lots of wonderful ways throughout the day.



20th June 2024: Summer Solstice

This day is the first day of astronomical summer in the northern hemisphere.



Understanding Handwriting skills.....

Handwriting is an incredibly complex skill. Before children can hold a pencil, they need to be able to sit up and move their arm independently of their body. They need to be able to isolate their fingers to hold their pencil.

Sitting requires adequate postural control. Postural control is our ability to keep our bodies stable when we are stationary and when we move. It is essential for us to be able to use our arms, hands and fingers with good control. Postural control starts developing from the moment a child is born. Initially, babies have no postural control. Even their heads need to be held and supported. Over time a baby can hold their head up and then push up on their arms and roll over. Tummy time helps to develop these skills and helps with shoulder stability.

To hold their pencil with their finger's children first need to be able to isolate their fingers from their palm. Initially, when they hold a pencil, a child will grasp their entire hand around it. This is because they have not developed the hand control to isolate their fingers from their palm. As they have more experience with fine motor activities, children establish more control over their fingers. This is what allows them to hold their pencil with their fingers and eventually develop a dynamic pencil grasp.



Playdough and messy play are great tools to help develop these skills as well as singing finger songs like "Two Little Dickie Birds". Pre-writing skills or 'mark making' skills are the things a child needs to be able to do before they are ready to write. This includes being able to colour and trace inside lines, and to draw certain shapes. Shapes such as vertical and horizontal lines and circles form the foundation of most letters.



Little Bean’s Recipe of the Month

Pizza Pin Wheels

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- Pack of puff pastry
- 1 tin of chopped tomatoes
- 1 tbsp tomato puree
- 100g cheese
- 1 pepper
- 1 tin of sweetcorn
- 1 pineapple
- 1 packet of ham
- 1 packet of mushrooms
- 1 packet of cherry tomatoes chopped
- Non-stick baking tray

-----Enjoy!

Top Tip

If you have any left-over toppings you can put them on skewers and cook them in the oven or BBQ them to make a delicious snack.

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1. Preheat the oven on 180 degrees, gas mark 4.
2. Cut the ready rolled puff pastry into thin strips.
3. Pour the tin tomatoes into a bowl and mix in the tomato puree. Use a fork to break up the big chunks of chopped tomatoes.
4. Use a spoon to place some of the tomato mix onto each strip of pastry.
5. Grate the cheese and sprinkle on top of the tomato mixture.
6. Then it’s time to add your toppings, cut up your choice of toppings into small pieces and place them on top.
7. Starting from one end, roll the pastry up into a wheel.
8. Place on the baking tray and cook in the oven for 20 mins or until the cheese is melted.

TERM DATES FOR TERM TIME ONLY (TTO) CHILDREN:	TERM DATES FOR ALL YEAR ROUND (AYR) CHILDREN:	Bank Holidays (nursery closed)
SPRING TERM Term 1 - Monday 8 th January 2024 – Friday 9 th February 2024 Half term – Monday 12 th February 2024 – Friday 16 th February 2024 Term 2 – Monday 19 th February 2024 – Friday 29 th March 2024 Easter Holidays – Monday 1 st May 2024 – Friday 12 th May 2024	Academic year - Monday 4 th September 2023 – Friday 30 th August 2024 Autumn term - 4 th September 2023 – 23 rd December 2023 (16 weeks) Spring term - 1 st January - 29 th March 2024 Summer term 1 st May - 30 th August 2024 Summer Holidays – Monday 22 nd July 2024 – Friday 30 th August 2024	Monday 1 st January 2024 Monday 29 th March 2024 Friday 29 th March 2024 Monday 1 st May 2024 Monday 6 th May 2024 Monday 27 th May 2024 Monday 26 th August 2024 Wednesday 25 th December 2024 Thursday 26 th December 2024
SUMMER TERM Term 1 – Monday 15 th May 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		



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Notices and Housekeeping!

Summer sun!

With the summer sun becoming more intense, please be reminded that we need you to provide a sun hat and a new, unopened bottle of sun cream.

A cardigan or small jumper is also advisable, because it can still be chilly on cloudy days and in the afternoon when the shade has come over.

Changes to sessions

We are more than happy to accommodate any changes to your child's booking pattern, however, we only ask that you give us one months notice.

Extra Sessions in the summer holiday

Please let us know if you require any extra sessions during the summer holidays. Just speak to Lynne or Claire if you are interested and we can get your child booked in.

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 update 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 Bean's Songs of the Month

June 2024

Summer Clothes Song

Sing to the tune of 'Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes'. (You may like to make up your own actions to this song.)

*Hat, T-shirt, shorts and shades, shorts and shades.
Hat, T-shirt, shorts and shades, shorts and shades.*

*And swimming costume and flip-flops. Hat, T-shirt,
shorts and shades, shorts and shades.*



The sunscreen song

Sing to the tune of '1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Once I Caught a Fish Alive'

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, make sure sun cream is applied.

5, 4, 3, 2, 1, out we go into the sun.

Why do we rub it in? It's protection for our skin.

Which children need it on? Everyone who's in the sun!



Summer Playing Song

Sing to the tune of 'Wind the Bobbin Up'.

*Look, the sun's come out! Look,
the sun's come out!*

Hot, hot, bright blue sky.

*In the paddling pool. In the
paddling pool.*

Cool, cool, splash, splash, splash.

*Play in the garden, play in the
pool, Play in the woods where it's
dark and cool.*

*Children play together in the sun.
Summertime is lots of fun.*



Summer in the Garden Song

Sing to the tune of 'London's Burning'.

*Grass is growing, grass is
growing. Bees are buzzing, bees
are buzzing. Summer, summer!
Summer, summer!*

Sun is shining, sun is shining.

