

Little Beans

Weymouth



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aMAYzing May!

Welcome to our May 2024 Newsletter!

This month, our theme is 'Amazing Animals' and the children will focus on: recognising and naming animals; where in the world they are from; pets and how to care for them.

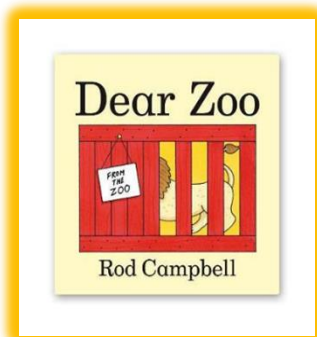
Some of our older nursery friends will be leaving us in the summer to start school. We will slowly begin the transition to school this month by encouraging the children to be independent in tasks such as putting their coat and shoes on and writing and recognising their name.

We are lucky to enjoy two bank holidays in May

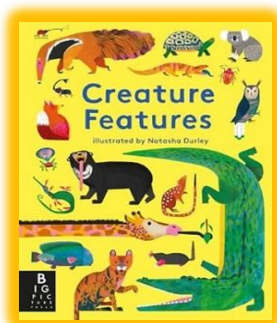
- Monday 6th May 2024; and
- Monday 27th May 2024

Little Beans is closed on these days. Enjoy these long weekends together!

Our key fiction text is: 'Dear Zoo' by Rod Campbell.



Our key non-fiction text is: 'Creature Features' by Natasha Durley.



Our Pedagogical Approach

Communication and Language Development: During their play and group time, children will learn how to add more detail to their sentences by being asked 'why' questions and being encouraged to ask these also. This will also encourage children to organise their play.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development: Children will be learning about 'Relationships'. We will be talking about our families and friends. We will be discussing how to treat our friends, what happens when we feel upset and what makes a good relationship.

Physical Development: During their play and group time, the children will continue to become secure in their independence skills such as putting their own shoes and coats on. Children will also use tools for fine motor skills more accurately such as scissors.

Literacy: Children will continue to develop their phonological awareness through hearing initial sounds in words. Mark making and name writing will also be a focus to prepare our older children for reception.

Maths: In Maths, our focus number is five and the children will link this to their prior learning of 1, 2, 3 and 4. We will begin the concept of time through days of the week and sequencing daily events. Capacity will also be explored through continuous provision.

Expressive Arts and Design: Children will explore the texture of clay and explore adding marks to it by adding animal footprint tracks.

Understanding the World: Children will observe a world map, discuss where animals live and compare climates. We will also learn how to care for domestic pets and how to meet their needs.



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Little Beans Celebrates!

Events in May 2024

6th – 12th May 2024: Screen Free Week: Annual event to encourage us to unplug from digital entertainment and spend all that free time playing, reading, daydreaming, creating, exploring, and connecting with family and friends! At Little Beans we will be using books and stories to fund facts, and making up our own roleplays and putting on performances for each other!

3rd May 2024: World Laughter Day: The celebration of World Laughter Day is a positive manifestation for World Peace and it builds up a global consciousness of brotherhood and friendship through laughter. We will be doing all that we can to make each other laugh and smile on this day and remember the importance of being kind!

12th May 2024 (Celebrated on the 13th due to falling on a weekend) National Children’s Day: National Children’s Day UK is all about the importance of a healthy childhood and protecting the rights and freedoms of children so that they can grow into happy, healthy adults. At Little Beans we will be talking about rights and individual liberty and exploring how we are all unique!

20th - 24th May 2024: Walk to School Week! Little Beans will be encouraging all that can to walk to nursery this week, we will also be talking about other ways we can help our planet!

17th May 2024 National Numeracy Day: At Little Beans we will be discovering how numbers are everywhere and how important they are in our lives!

20th May 2024: World Bee Day: The purpose of World Bee Day is to raise awareness of the importance of pollinators, at Little Beans we will be exploring how we can help our bees!

23rd May 2024: World Turtle Day! The aim of World Turtle Day is to bring attention to, and increase knowledge of and respect for, turtles and tortoises, and encourage human action to help them survive and thrive.

27th of May: Elmer Day! (we will celebrate on 28th May due to falling on a bank holiday). A celebration of reading, of elephants and of accepting yourself and others, just like Elmer the Patchwork Elephant, star of the Elmer books by David McKee.

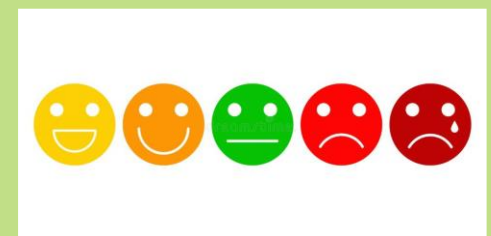


Children Feel Emotions Differently!

If you’ve ever witnessed a temper tantrum, you know how devastated a toddler can seem over the smallest thing. But this isn’t just for show—studies tell us that toddlers feel emotion in a more full-body way than adults do.

Children don’t always know that emotions are temporary. They may feel trapped in a certain emotion, without the understanding that it can come and go. It might even be hard for them to articulate how they feel about a situation, making it more of a struggle for them to do anything about it.

At nursery, children learn to manage their emotions. Once they’re in an environment with other children and a variety of adults, they’ll have many more models of how to move and interact in the world.





Little Bean's Recipe of the Month

Ratatouille Risotto

INGREDIENTS

- 400g risotto rice
- 1 tbsp butter
- 1 courgette - finely chopped or grated
- 1 pepper - finely chopped or grated
- 1 aubergine (small) - finely chopped or grated
- 1 onion - finely chopped or grated
- 1 carton of tomato passata
- 1 tin chopped tomato
- 1 tbsp ground garlic
- 1 vegetable stock cube
- 200ml Boiling water

-----Enjoy!

METHOD

1. Simmer the rice with the butter for several minutes in a pot, stirring often to prevent sticking.
2. Add the stock cube to the boiling water, then add to the rice and mix well.
3. Once the rice has absorbed the water, add chopped tomato.
4. Once the rice has absorbed the tomato water, add tomato passata.
5. Cook for several minutes, then add the vegetables and ground garlic.
6. Continue simmering and adding boiling water in small quantities, allowing the rice to absorb the water before adding more water, until the rice is at the desired consistency and cooked.

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 May 2024 – Friday 12th May 2024

SUMMER TERM

Term 1 – Monday 15th May 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 May - 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 May 2024

Monday 6th May 2024

Monday 27th May 2024

Monday 26th August 2024

Wednesday 25th December 2024

Thursday 26th December 2024



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Notices and Housekeeping!

Summer Clothing

Just a reminder that as the better weather approaches please could you make sure your child has all of the following items every day and that these are labelled:

- Full change of clothes
- Sunhat
- Jumper
- Lightweight waterproof
- coat (just in case)
- wellies

Could you also make sure that all T-shirts and dresses have a sleeve so shoulders are covered please.

Water Bottles

All children are required to bring a water bottle with them. A sports bottle is best as the children find them easier to drink from. This is so that they can access a drink whenever they want one in addition to the milk and water we offer at all meal/snack times. We will fill the bottle with fresh drinking water throughout the day. The bottle should be labelled with your child's name. Please ensure this is taken home and washed at the end of the day.

Sunscreen

Please can you make sure that you pack a labelled bottle or tube of Sunscreen SPF50+ in your child's bag. Please be aware that some Nivea suncreams can contain almond oil, and so, we asking you not to use this brand on your child whilst they attend nursery.

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 Bean's Songs of the Month

May 2024

May Day's Here

Original Author: Unknown
Sung to: "Three Blind Mice"

*May Day's here, May Day's here,
Sun Shines bright, sun shines bright
Birds and Butterflies are in flight,
Blooming flowers are such a sight
Everything feels just right,
May day's here.*



May Basket

Original Author: Unknown
Sung to: "Did You Ever See A Lassie"

*Did you ever see a may basket, may basket, may basket?
Did you ever see a may basket, that looked so good.
I worked for hours, Then filled it with flowers
Did you see a may basket that looked so good?*



Hurray for May Day!

Original Author: Unknown
Sung to: "London Bridge"

*May Day's here with sun so bright,
sun so bright, sun so bright.
May day's here with sun so bright.
Hurray for May Day!*

*May Day's here with flowers in bloom,
flowers in bloom, flowers in bloom.
May day's here with flowers in bloom.
Hurray for May Day!*



Ring Around The Maypole

Original Author: Unknown
Sung to: "Ring Around the Rosie"

*Ring around the Maypole,
Pocket full of roses.
Ribbons, ribbons,
We all fall down.*

