

# Little Beans

Weymouth



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## July at Little Beans!

Welcome to July at Little Beans! We hope the children will enjoy a fun filled month and are ready to undertake a wide variety of fun and educational activities.

As part of the EYFS we focus on seven main areas of learning, which are:-

### Prime Areas

- Personal, Social and Emotional Development Physical Development
- Communication and Language

### Specific Area

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design

### Your Child's Key Person

Each child is allocated a Key Person, this is the person who works closely with your child and monitors their development. It is vital that EVERY parent/carer is aware who their child's Key Person is and that you have good communication with them. If you are unaware who your child's Key Person is, please ask Lynne or Claire.

### School Leavers

It is that time of year where we sadly say goodbye to our pre-school children and wish them all the very best for a smooth transition from nursery to school. We will be very sorry to see you all go but it has been a pleasure to have each one of you here and we hope you settle quickly into school.

We would like to celebrate the children's journey with us and would like to invite you to our **Graduation Ceremony & Teddy Bears Picnic (weather permitting) Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July - 11.00am - 13.00pm.**

### Teacher Visits

Some of your children's new teachers from their new schools are coming to visit your child. This is a wonderful opportunity for your child to meet their new teacher and show the teacher how awesome they are.

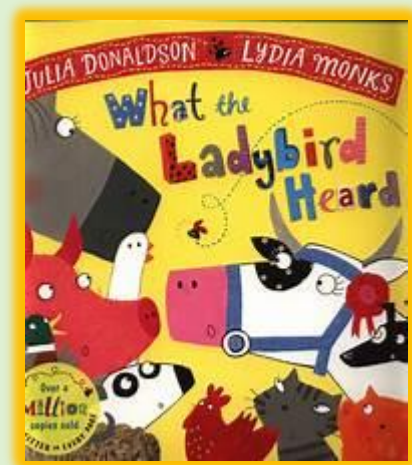
## July's Core book!

**What the Ladybird Heard on Holiday**  
 by Julia Donaldson

**What the Ladybird Heard** is an amusing, cleverly written story in which the ladybird and her farmyard friends outwit thieves who are planning to steal the farmer's prize cow.

### The Story:

The ladybird hears that two thieves are planning to steal the farmer's prize cow so she comes up with her own cunning plan.





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# What we are celebrating!

## Events in July 2024

### 1<sup>st</sup> July – Canada Day!

Canada Day celebrates the anniversary of July 1, 1867, when the Constitution Act came into effect. We will be exploring Canada and some of its native treasures, such as the maple tree!

### 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Alice's Day!

Annual celebration of the much-loved classic children's book Alice's Adventures in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll! We will be looking at the story, characters and making potions and tea all day!

### 4<sup>th</sup> July - America's Independence Day!

Celebration of the independence of the United States of America! We will be learning about America and how their country is both similar and different to ours!

### 7<sup>th</sup> July – World Chocolate Day! (we will celebrate this on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> July)

Celebrations of all things chocolate! We will be discussing balanced diets and how important it is to have a good amount of each food group!



### 14<sup>th</sup> July – French Independence Day!

Also known as Bastille Day, this date is the celebration of the French independence! We will celebrate this on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> July. We will be learning about France and trying some of their delicious foods!

### 29<sup>th</sup> July – Tiger Day!

An annual celebration to raise awareness for the plight of tigers and the urgent need for tiger conservation. We will be learning about Tigers, their habitats and how important it is for us to try to protect and preserve them!



### 31<sup>st</sup> July – Harry Potter's Birthday

Harry shares his birthday with author J.K. Rowling. It is a day when you can indulge a love of the wizard by reading, watching a movie, sipping a butterbeer or munching on a bag of Bertie Bott's Every-Flavour Beans.



This Month the Little Beans will be learning about..... Big School!

Children preparing to start school will be learning about school readiness and practicing their skills.

School readiness includes not only physical abilities like dressing themselves and managing personal hygiene but also involves emotional preparedness. We will have many discussions about school to help ensure a smooth transition and address any feelings your Little Bean may have about moving to big school, whether excitement or nervousness!

It's essential to work on a variety of gross motor skills to help develop fine motor skills. Activities like crawling or doing teddy bear rolls engage both sides of the brain, which is crucial for developing more refined skills like drawing and writing.

Children who are not yet starting school will focus on building their independence, such as putting on and taking off their shoes and engaging in plenty of mark-making activities. These are fundamental steps towards school readiness!

We'll also be helping children become more aware of transitions and changes. Many will be moving rooms soon, and we want them to feel as confident as possible during these transitions.





# Little Bean's Recipe of the Month

## Turkey Spaghetti Bolognese

### INGREDIENTS

- 300g minced turkey
- 100g green lentils
- 200ml water
- 1 cartons tomato passata
- 1 tin of chopped tomato
- 2 carrots - grated
- 1 courgette - grated
- 1 pepper - grated
- 1 tsp ground garlic
- 1 tsp mixed herbs
- 1 vegetable stock cube
- 25ml cold water
- 25g plain flour
- 25g cornflour

-----Enjoy!

### Top Tip

Serve with a sprinkling of grated parmesan and a nice chunk of hot garlic bread

### METHOD

1. Brown the minced turkey over a low heat with the 200ml water.
2. Once the turkey is browned, add the green lentils and simmer for 30 minutes.
3. Add the tomato passata, chopped tomato, carrot, pepper, courgette, ground garlic, mixed herbs, and stock cubes. Mix well and bring to a boil.
4. Simmer on a medium heat for a minimum of 15 minutes.
5. In a jug, mix the plain flour, cornflour, and cold water, then add to the turkey mixture. More flour and water mixture may be needed to reach the desired consistency.
6. Boil the spaghetti according to packet instructions, and when cooked drain to serve with a good dollop of the Bolognese sauce on top.

### TERM DATES FOR TERM TIME ONLY (TTO) CHILDREN:

#### Autumn Term

Term 1 - Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024 - Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Half term - Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2024 - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024

Term 2 - Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024 - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024

#### Spring term

Term 1 - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025 - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Half term - Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2025 - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025

Term 2 - Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025 - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025

#### Summer term

Easter Holidays - Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2025 - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Term 1 - Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2025 - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025

Half term - Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2025 - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Term 2 - Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025 - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Summer Holidays - Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025 - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2025

### TERM DATES FOR ALL YEAR ROUND (AYR) CHILDREN:

#### Academic year

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024 - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2025

#### Autumn term

2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024 - 24<sup>th</sup> December 2024

#### Spring Term

1<sup>st</sup> January 2025 - 28<sup>th</sup> March 2025 (13 weeks)

#### Summer Term

31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 - 29<sup>th</sup> August 2025 (22 weeks)

#### Closed for Christmas

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December 2024 - Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025 (Inclusive)

### Bank Holidays (nursery closed)

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2024

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2025

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2025

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> December 2025



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## Notices and Housekeeping!

### Tapestry

We actively aim to encourage parents/carers to be involved with their child's progress, it is very important that we have strong links between home and nursery. As many of you may know we use 'Tapestry' as part of our way of recording the children's developmental records. The benefits of using Tapestry include:

- Enables parents /carers to see photos and observations of your child's learning and experiences
- Share your child's at-home learning activities with us by putting comments on the 'Parents

We also put lots of information on Tapestry regarding activities that are taking place within the nursery.

If you haven't received your invitation to join Tapestry or have been unsuccessful in joining, please see your child's key person who will be happy to ensure that you are signed up successfully.

### Water bottles

With the weather getting hotter please ensure that you send your child to nursery with a water bottle that you keep here or take home at the end of the session/day. Please note, the children's water bottles must only contain water and NOT juice. Please ensure ALL items are CLEARLY named.

### Spare clothes

We often run out of spare clothes such as underwear, socks, trousers, leggings etc. If you have any spare which you could donate to us, they would be greatly appreciated.

If your child borrows any clothes from Little Beans, could we please ask that you return them A.S.A.P once they have been washed.

### Extra Summer Sessions

If you are looking for any childcare support during the summer then please let us know and we can get you 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](http://www.littlebeansdaycare.com)



A warm welcome to two new members of our Little Beans Weymouth Team!

Jess holds a Level 5 qualification in Early Years and has over 8 years of experience working with children and young people. She recently completed a foundation degree in Early Childhood Studies, Care & Education. She is currently pursuing a BA Hons in Early Years Education. Jess is passionate about helping children learn through play and we are really excited to have her as part of the Team.



Lilli has also recently joined us as an apprentice childcare practitioner. She has completed a childcare course at college and is keen to progress her career in childcare. Lilli enjoys collaborating with the Team to support each child in reaching their full potential while ensuring it's fun for everyone involved.



# Little Bean's Songs of the Month

## July 2024

### Summer's Here Song (Sing to the tune of 'Alouette')

Summer's here and the sun's still out at bedtime.  
Summer's here and the sun is shining bright.

Summer's here and the sun's still out at bedtime.  
Summer's here and the sun is shining bright. Sun wakes us in the early morn.

Sun wakes us in the early morn. Break of dawn, break of dawn.

Summer's here, summer's here. SSSSSSSSSSS... Summer's here and the sun's still out at bedtime. Summer's here and the sun is shining bright.

### Lost Hat Song (Sing to the tune of '1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Once I Caught a Fish Alive')

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, I am here at the seaside.

6, 7, 8, 9, 10, paddling in the sea again.

Where did my sun hat go? Out to sea the wind did blow.

How did you find my hat? A big wave brought it safely back!



### 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.



### The Sun Cream 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!

