

Little Beans

Garland



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This month

We are learning about....

----- DINOSAURS.....ROAR!!!

This month the Little Beans will be learning about Dinosaurs!
All the Little Beans will be discovering facts about the creatures which once walked our earth! We will be doing lots of activities where we will discover fossils, footprints and other clues to lead us to learning about the different species of dinosaurs!
This helps the children to learn about how our world changes over time, and how different animals need specific environments to live in. We will be learning about growth, changes and decay and the circle of life.



We will be doing lots of craft, messy and experimenting this month!
We will be answering questions such as:
What happens when an egg hatches?
Why do some dinosaurs have such long necks?
How many species of dinosaur were there?
Which is the biggest dinosaur?
Can they all fly?



Babies

Language skills

----- BABBLING

Your newborn baby can already distinguish the unique rhythmic patterns of the language they heard you speaking in the months before their birth.

By the time your baby has started babbling sounds, they have already started learning abstract language patterns and creating abstract language rules.

Language learning increases your baby’s attention to nearby objects. This cognitive attention-boosting by language is found in babies as young as 3 months.

When your baby is babbling, they are experimenting. Babies babble both speech sounds and non-speech sounds and their brains learn to filter out which sounds do not belong to the language they are learning. For example, some babies may practice raspberries during babbling until they learn the sound is not part of the target language.

By the time your baby says their first words, they are already able to understand a large number of words of their language, even if they aren’t able to say them all yet.





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Little Beans Celebrates!

Events in August 2024

7th August — Sea Serpent Day - A day to ponder on the myth of sea serpents. A sea serpent or sea dragon is a type of dragon sea monster described in various mythologies across the ancient world including Mesopotamian, Greek, Judaeo-Christian and Norse mythology.

8th August – International Cat Day - Organised by the International Fund for Animal Welfare, this is a day to think about your furry friend and appreciate everything you love about them.

9th August – Rice Pudding Day - Yes, this really is a thing. All you have to do is to eat some rice pudding today. Enjoy!

12th August — World Elephant Day. A day to bring attention to the urgent plight of Asian and African elephants. Experience elephants in non-exploitive and sustainable environments where elephants can thrive under care and protection.

12th August – International Youth Day — International Youth Day brings youth issues to the attention of the international community and celebrates the potential of youth as partners in today's global society!

World Rock Paper Scissors Day! - Overcoming various culture or language barriers, Rock Paper Scissors is a game that can be understood and played by almost anyone, regardless of their age, gender or other differences – and without cost or equipment! Rock Paper Scissors Day is meant to bring people together, bonding them over the fun that can be had from this simple game that is considered to be one of the oldest in the world!

13th August — Left-Handed Day. Your chance to tell your family and friends how proud you are of being left-handed, and also to raise awareness of the everyday issues that lefties face in a world designed for right-handers!

14th August – World Lizard Day. A special day for lizard enthusiasts to share their interest with the world. There are 6,000 species of lizards in the world, and they have been around for more than 250 million years.

19th August – International Orangutan Day. An awareness day for orangutangs around the world, some of which are facing extinction within the next two decades. Their habitat is threatened by the illegal pet trade and deforestation from the palm oil industry.

STARTING NURSERY

----- TOP TIPS

Get your child used to other children before starting nursery

It is a good idea to take your child to a baby or toddler group. They provide an opportunity for you to meet other parents and carers and for your child to play with other children in a safe and friendly environment. This will get them used to being around their peers.

Practice the route to nursery

Make a point of walking or driving past the nursery several times so they can become familiar with the nursery and what it looks like.

Be positive and smile when talking about nursery to your child

Be positive and cheerful when you talk to your child about nursery as he or she will quickly pick up on any feelings of anxiety.



Little Beans Gradulators!



The summer holidays have officially started here at Little Beans. July has been, and August will be filled with lots of goodbyes, excitement for big school and emotions as we wish our school leavers the best of luck for their next step to big school and for an amazing summer holiday!

A big thank you for all the leaving cards and all the very thoughtful gifts we have received from our lovely school leavers and

their parents - they are very much appreciated by all the staff!

We would also like to say a big well done to all our Little Beans who are graduating and going to big school in September. We are going to miss you all so very much. What a lovely graduation we shared together on Saturday 20th July 2024. Please make sure you all stay in touch with us.



Little Bean’s Recipe of the Month

Rainbow Veggie Couscous Salad with grilled chicken

----- INGREDIENTS

- 1 tsp vegetable oil
- 1 chicken breast fillet, cut in half widthways
- 80g wholewheat couscous
- ½ vegetable stock cube, dissolved in 130ml boiling water
- 6 Nightingale Farms cherry tomatoes, halved
- ¼ red pepper, finely chopped
- ½ 325g tin Grower’s Harvest sweetcorn, drained
- ¼ cucumber, finely chopped
- ½ lemon, juice and zest
- 10g coriander, finely chopped

----- METHOD

1. Heat the oil in a frying or griddle pan over a medium-high heat. Add the chicken and cook for 5-6 mins on each side until cooked through. Leave to rest for 5 mins, then cut into strips.
2. Meanwhile, add the couscous to a bowl and pour over the boiling stock. Cover with a plate and leave to stand for 15 mins before fluffing with a fork.
3. Stir the remaining ingredients through the couscous and serve topped with the grilled chicken.

-----Enjoy!

Top Tip

This dish goes well with a glass of orange juice which helps your body absorb vitamins and iron in your food.

TERM DATES FOR TERM TIME ONLY (TTO) CHILDREN:

Autumn Term

Term 1 – Monday 2nd September 2024 – Friday 25th October 2024

Half term – Monday 28th October 2024 – Friday 1st November 2024

Term 2 – Monday 4th November 2024 – Friday 13th December 2024

Spring term

Term 1 - Monday 6th January 2025 – Friday 14th February 2025

Half term – Monday 17th February 2025 – Friday 21st February 2025

Term 2 – Monday 24th February 2025 – Friday 4th April 2025

Summer term

Easter Holidays – Monday 7th April 2025 – Friday 18th April 2025

Term 1 – Monday 21st April 2025 – Friday 23rd May 2025

Half term – Monday 26th May 2025 – Friday 30th May 2025

Term 2 – Monday 2nd June 2025 – Friday 18th July 2025

Summer Holidays – Monday 21st July 2025 – Friday 29th August 2025

TERM DATES FOR ALL YEAR ROUND (AYR) CHILDREN:

Academic year

Monday 2nd September 2024 – Friday 29th August 2025

Autumn term

2nd September 2024 – 24th December 2024

Spring Term

1st January 2025 – 28th March 2025 (13 weeks)

Summer Term

31st March 2025 – 29th August 2025 (22 weeks)

Closed for Christmas

Wednesday 25th December 2024 – Wednesday 1st January 2025 (Inclusive)

Bank Holidays (nursery closed)

Monday 26th August 2024

Wednesday 25th December 2024

Thursday 26th December 2024

Wednesday 1st January 2025

Friday 18th April 2025

Monday 21st April 2025

Monday 5th May 2025

Monday 26th May 2025

Monday 25th August 2025

Thursday 25th December 2025

Friday 26th December 2025



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Notices and housekeeping

Welcome!

We warmly welcome some amazing new members to our Little Beans Garland team!



Gemma is joining us as Team Administrator and childcare practitioner. She has over 15 years of experience working with children and babies and in administration and will be a huge support to our team.



Tiegan joins as a level 2 practitioner in our preschool room and brings with her experience from growing up in a busy household having been one of seven children! She has always wanted to work with children, and we are enjoying the energy she brings to the preschool room!

Reminders

Please don't forget to bring in your sunhats every day and sunscreen (if not using Little Beans sunscreen). This weather changes hourly but we will be making the most of our outdoor playtime as always!

If you have any questions or concerns, then please speak to a member of the Little Beans Garland Team who will be happy to help you.

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 update each month. We put all newsletters, menus, and dates for the diary on it. www.littlebeansdaycare.com

We are so lucky to have so many National Trust properties on our doorstep here in Dorset – we thought we would share with you a link to the National Trust's webpage on "Top '50 things to do before you're 11¾":
<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/50-things/top-50-things-to-do-before-youre-11-activities-to-do-in-summer>

Have a wonderful summer holiday everyone!

