

Little Beans

Weymouth



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Summer at Little Beans!

August is always full of mixed emotions as we say goodbye to children leaving us to go to school in September.

Some have been with us from the very beginning and others not so long. Either way, it has been an absolute delight working with each and every child.

We wish them all the best with next stage of their education.

Focus for August

During the month of August, we will be exploring the science of Art, creating our own ice art with the children collecting natural materials from their environment and freezing them in water.

The children will enjoy observing how the materials looked in the ice. They will investigate how they can get them out of the ice and begin their learning about the process of melting.

The children will also engage in several creative art experiences, painting with coloured ice and creating paintings while playing ‘marble football’ inspired by the children’s interest football and experience of the European World Cup.

We will be looking at a variety of recipes to support the children’s knowledge of measurements and shapes whilst having fun creating slime, playdough, and participating in cooking experiences.

Furthering our focus on measurements, we will also look at time. Focusing on where in our environments that we have seen a clock, and what the purpose of a clock is.



August Core books!

Love is in the Little Things by Jane Massey



A celebration of everyday, little acts of love with heartfelt illustrations from the talented Jane Massey. Love is in the little things. A kiss, a smile, a cup of tea. Just me and you sitting quietly. A song, a hug, a helping hand that lifts us up so we can stand. Join Big and Small as they journey through the moments that make a relationship – from blowing bubbles in the bath, to saying ‘sorry’. This charming book is ideal for parents and children welcoming home a new baby brother or sister.

Kindness Make Us Strong by Sophie Beer



This is a valuable board book for nursery and preschool children, exploring everyday ways to show kindness. Each page includes a different example of kindness, such as saying hello to somebody, giving a hug or cheering somebody on.

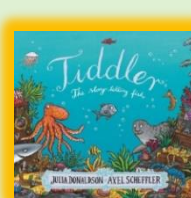
We really love the bright and bold style of Sophie Beer’s illustrations and the diverse cast of characters. Children need to see how even the smallest gestures can make a difference to others. There’s plenty to talk about in each picture and many of the children will be able to relate to some of the situations in the book as either the giver or recipient of the kindness shown.

By Steven Cowell



Designed to take the stress out of toilet training, ‘Poo Poo Bum Bum Wee Wee’ has been made with one thing in mind: SILLINESS! The book is informative, breaking down the stages of going to the toilet into easy steps, from wiping your bottom to washing your hands, and shows the poos whooshing away through pipes once the toilets are flushed. (It’s worth noting that the book doesn’t show potty training but instead focuses on using a toilet.)

Tiddler By Julia Donaldson & Axel Scheffler



Tiddler is a fish who is always late for school. Every day he arrives with a different tall story about why he is not there on time, until one day he finds himself caught up in a big adventure that will make him very, very late indeed! A fun, rhyming story with a repeated refrain.



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What we are celebrating!

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.



This Month the Little Beans will be learning about..... Dinosaurs ROAR!

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?





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!

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!

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>

We also wanted to share Dorset Library Services' Ready for School sessions – see below for details.

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

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

Ready for school - library gets lively

Ready for school at Dorset libraries

Ready for school - library gets lively sessions will begin the week of 22 July and end 31 August. The six weekly sessions are taking place at each of the following libraries.

- Blandford library - Friday mornings, 10:30am - 11:15am
- Bridport Library - Friday mornings, 10:30am - 11:15am
- Dorchester Library - Thursday mornings, 10:15am - 11:00am
- Ferndown Library - Thursday mornings, 10:30am - 11:15am
- Weymouth Library - Thursday mornings, 10:30am - 11:15am

- sessions are free and siblings are warmly welcomed
- places are limited so please register soon

Please register for 'Ready for school' via the QR code below or by clicking on this link.
[Register for ready for school library gets lively...](#)

'Ready for school' - library gets lively!

This summer holidays, Dorset Library Service is thrilled to invite families to six special 'ready for school - library gets lively' sessions for children who will be starting in Reception classes this autumn.

Join us for story times, filled with interactive fun, stories, songs, and crafts designed to boost children's confidence in group settings and build upon essential school-ready skills.

Each participating family will receive a 'ready for school' bag filled with books and activities to engage and excite children about starting school, designed to enjoy sharing together and to take home and keep.

Join us over the holiday and make the journey to school a joyous adventure!

Our Library Service mission is to **Inspire, Connect and Enable** our communities



Little Bean's Songs of the Month

August 2024

"I'm a Fish" Original Author: Unknown
Sung to: "I'm a little Teapot"

I'm a little fishy, I can swim. here is my tail, here is my fin.

When I want to have fun with my friends,

I wiggle my tail and dive right in.



"Bubbles Flew Over the Ocean" By: Jean Warren
Sung to: "My Bonnie lies Over the Ocean"

My Bubbles flew over the ocean

My Bubbles flew over the sea

My Bubbles Flew over the rainbow.

Oh come back my bubbles to me.

Come back, Come back,

Oh Come Back, my bubbles to me!



"To The Beach", Original Author: Unknown
Sung to: "London Bridge"

We are going to the beach,

to the Beach, to the beach,

We are going to the beach,

in our bathing suits.

We will find there rocks and shells,

Rocks and shells, Rocks and Shells.

We will find there rocks and shells,

to gather by the water.

