

Little Beans

Weymouth



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Harvest Food Bank

To all our parents, carers & children

----- FEEDING EVERYONE

Throughout October, many settings across the UK focus on food, sharing and helping others in the local community.

We would like to invite you and your child to bring in contributions of canned and non-perishable foods across October, and at the end of the festival, the food will be donated to our local food bank to support people in need.

By participating in this very important activity the children will learn the importance of being kind and compassionate. They will also learn about where food comes from and exploring different types of food.



Ideas for donations include: baby food; biscuits; cereals; dried pasta; instant coffee; long-life fruit juice; long-life milk; microwaveable puddings; pasta sauces; rice; shower gel; snack bars; tea bags; tinned fruit; tinned meat and fish; tinned puddings; tinned soup; tinned vegetables; toilet rolls; vegetarian options.



This month

We are learning about.....

----- PEOPLE WHO HELP US!

Our theme in October at Little Beans is 'People who help us'. The teachers will be using a collection of teaching resources to assist the 'People who help us' theme, including games, activities, stories, displays and posters. We will be looking at the range of people involved in our lives and community and how they help us! If you have any pictures of your children with 'People who help us', we would love you to upload them to tapestry, to help extend their learning.

At home, you could be showing your child where the phone is and how to call for help in an emergency and by teaching them important things like the name of the road you live on and door number! These pieces of information could save lives in an emergency!



We will look at people who helps us when we are feeling poorly, doctors, nurses, dentists and also talking about police and how they help keep us safe. If you have a job role that helps please feel free to email photographs or any resources, for example we would love to hear from police, dentists, doctors, fire people and anyone else who works within the community!





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Little Beans Celebrates!

Events in October 2024

1st to 31st October - The Big Draw Festival Month This is a month-long festival of drawing activities which supports all ages and stages of development. We will be providing numerous mark making activities which will enhance those fine motor skills.

4th to 10th October - Space Week! We will be exploring the world around ours, looking at the solar system and even creating our very own Little Beans planet! We will enhance this through our role play too.

Friday 4th October - World Smile Day This day was created by Harvey Ball who was the creator of the smiley! We will be thinking about all the things which put a smile on our face and understanding how this links to our emotions, for example when we are happy we smile! We love bringing smiles to you and your Little Beans. Please feel free to post on Tapestry examples of toys, activities, pet, food etc which make your Little Beans smile.

Thursday 3rd October - National Poetry Day A day for celebrating the wonderful words of poetry which bring people together. We will be exploring our favourite nursery rhymes and having a go at creating our own rhymes, exploring words which rhyme together and sound similar.

Sunday 6th October Grandparents Day To special not to celebrate – we will **celebrate on Monday 7th October!** The UK's celebration of all grandparents! We will be celebrating by making personalised artwork to show our appreciation!

Saturday 20th October - World Singing Day. We will be singing all day **Friday 19th October to prepare our Little Beans for this day!** We are very excited to break out the microphones and to create our Little Beans music show, using musical instruments, puppets, and many more exciting props!

Tuesday 29th October - National Cat Day! A day to celebrate our feline friends! We will be learning about cats and exploring the differences for example, colours, shapes, sizes, and habitats too. If you have cats or any pets at home, please upload photos to Tapestry for us to share.

Thursday 31st October - Halloween! We will be dressing up, creating our own Little Bean's magic potions, carving pumpkins and decorating delicious Halloween sweet treats! We cannot wait to see every Little Bean's favourite Halloween costume.

Seasonal Activities

----- THIS MONTH

This month the children will also be taking part in fun activities to support their learning about the Autumn season. We will be creating our own autumn leaves using salt dough & paint.

We will be exploring autumn materials in the tuft tray such as conkers, leaves, pinecones, and autumn animals. We will be leaf printing using autumn coloured paints and learning a seasonal song.



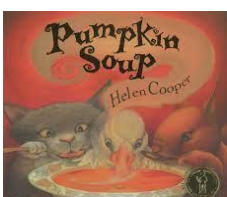
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The children will also be learning about Diwali, listening to stories and learning about why we celebrate this festival.

We will be using paper, scissors, glue and glitter to make lanterns and firework pictures and we will bake some Diwali sugar cookies!



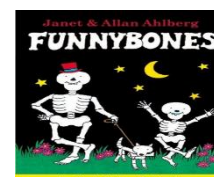
Books of the month.....



'Pumpkin Soup' is a beautifully illustrated book by Helen Cooper that tells the story of three friends: Cat, Duck and Squirrel, who live together in a cabin in the woods and make pumpkin soup every day. The story explores the themes of friendship, cooperation, conflict and reconciliation. The children will learn the importance

of being a good friend by sharing and taking turns and how their actions can impact on others. They will make their own pumpkin soup, use the seeds to create beautiful autumn pictures and make pumpkin lanterns.

'Funnybones' is about a big skeleton, a little skeleton and a dog skeleton live in the dark cellar of a dark house on a dark hill. The skeletons venture out



one dark night to find someone to scare, but...oh no! Everybody is in bed! Luckily, they can always amuse themselves by scaring each other... until they find some others who want to play too: the skeleton animals in the zoo! A deliciously spooky, wonderfully imaginative classic by Janet and Allen Ahlberg.



Little Bean's Recipe of the Month

Sausage, mash and minted peas

----- INGREDIENTS

- Desired amount of sausages
- Desired amount of potatoes
- 100g peas
- 40g lemon juice
- 80ml vinegar
- 100ml boiling water
- 40g sugar
- 1 packet of fresh mint

Top Tip:

This goes well with lamb, also try mixing the mint sauce in with the gravy depending how strong you like the taste.

----- METHOD

1. Place the sausages in the oven to cook on gas mark 6 for 25 minutes.
2. Whilst they are cooking chop the potatoes and place in a pot to boil. (peeling them is optional)
3. Place the peas in a different pot to boil.
4. During the time they are boiling finely chop the mint and put in a jug, add the lemon juice, water, vinegar and sugar and mix well.
5. Drain the peas and add the minted mixture to them and leave on the hob for 5 minutes to simmer.
6. When serving use a slotted spoon so the excess water drains of the peas.
7. Once the potatoes are cooked, drain and mash with some butter and milk.
8. Take the sausages from the oven when cooked and serve alongside the mash and peas!

-----Enjoy!

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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Housekeeping!

NOTICES AND REMINDERS!

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

Please don't forget to label all your Little Beans' items so that we can make sure things don't get lost.

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

Thank 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/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



Message from the directors

Dear Parents, carers and families,

At Little Beans, we are committed to continuous improvement. Each term, we focus on enhancing our environment, resources, and overall operations. We, as directors, work closely with our managers and the entire team each term to identify areas for improvement. We gather insights from our children and their families, review planning sessions and staff self-evaluations. We look at the nursery cohort tracking of development and consider this against the interests of the children, to help us consistently close any gaps in learning and development across the curriculum.

As we move into our second year, we've already begun making several improvements. Last term, we concentrated on enhancing our beautiful garden, adding sails, a teepee, sheds, and some BIG NEWS—an outhouse arriving in October! This new space will be perfect for cosy story times, role play, and much more.

We've expanded our garden resources and are incredibly thankful for the generous donations from our families. Looking ahead, this term we'll continue to focus on our garden space, creating even more embedded learning opportunities for our Little Beans!

We've replaced all the boards in our rooms with hessian boards to create a more natural, supportive environment, particularly for children with hearing impairments, by helping to reduce sound reverberation in the space.

Last term, we introduced a new IT system to improve our communication and efficiency. We apologise for any disruptions or missed emails during this transition, but we're confident these changes will benefit everyone in the long run.

There are many more exciting updates in the pipeline and we can't wait to share some of them with you very soon!! They are all designed with the goal of positively impacting our Little Beans week by week.

Thank you as always for your support – we really enjoy working with you all.

Kind regards

Sebrina and Tamsin

Directors, Little Beans Weymouth



Songs of the Month

All the Leaves are Falling Down

This can be sung to the tune of London Bridge is Falling Down. This is a fun song to sing when you are going on a leaf hunt with children.

*All the leaves are falling down,
Falling down, falling down.
All the leaves are falling down,
All around the town.*



*Walk around and pick them up,
Pick them up, pick them up.
Walk around and pick them up
All around the town.*

Dingle Dangle Scarecrow

*When all the cows were sleeping (hands folded to side of head)
and the sun had gone to bed
Up jumped the scarecrow (jump up)
and this is what he said,
"I'm a dingle dangle scarecrow (hold hands out to side)
with a floppy floppy hat, (pretend to tip hat)
I can shake my hands like this (shake hands to out to side)
and shake my feet like that." (shake each foot)*

*When all the hens were rousting (put arms in chicken wings)
and the moon behind a cloud,
Up jumped the scarecrow (jump up)
and shouted very loud,
"I'm a dingle dangle scarecrow (hold hands out to side)
with a floppy floppy hat, (pretend to tip hat)
I can shake my hands like this (shake hands to out to side)
and shake my feet like that." (shake each foot)*

Scarecrow, Scarecrow

(Alternative version of Teddy bear, Teddy bear)

Scarecrow, scarecrow turn around (Turn around)

Scarecrow, scarecrow touch the ground (Bend over and touch the ground)

Scarecrow, scarecrow reach up high (Reach up)

Scarecrow, scarecrow touch the sky (Tap hands at the sky)

Scarecrow, scarecrow bend down low (Bend down)

Scarecrow, scarecrow touch your toes (Touch your toes)



Five Little Monsters

*Five little monsters jumping on the bed.
One fell off and bumped her head.
Mummy called the doctor and the doctor said,
"No more monsters jumping on the bed."*

*Four little monsters jumping on the bed.
One fell off and bumped her head.
Mummy called the doctor and the doctor said,
"No more monsters jumping on the bed."*

*Three little monsters jumping on the bed.
One fell off and bumped her head.
Mummy called the doctor and the doctor said,
No more monsters jumping on the bed."*

*Two little monsters jumping on the bed.
One fell off and bumped her head.
Mummy called the doctor and the doctor said,
"No more monsters jumping on the bed."*

*One little monster jumping on the bed.
She fell off and bumped her head.
Mummy called the doctor and the doctor said,
"No more monsters jumping on the bed."*