

Little Beans

Weymouth



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Christmas at Little Beans!

----- THE SEASON OF JOY, GIFT GIVING AND OF FAMILIES UNITED

We believe Christmas is a feeling which all children and families should feel. As winter is here, Children will be involved in more activities related to cold weather to promote “Understanding of the world.”

We are very much looking forward to spending time with the children creating a variety of interesting activities to support their development and making sure they have lots of fun doing them.

2nd-6th December 2024- Festive Arts and Crafts

During the week the children will be making Mince Pies, Ginger Bread Men, Reindeer Food, Christmas Wreaths and much more.

9th December - 13th December 2024 - Christmas Party Week

A week full of wonderful Christmas Celebrations for all our children, from Christmas Dough Disco, Fancy Dress, Party Food and Christmas Jumper Day.

Monday 9th December - Fancy Dress Day

Tuesday 10th December - Christmas Pyjama Day

Wednesday 11th December - Christmas Fun and Games

Thursday 12th December -Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 13th December - Playdough Disco Day and Party Food

Wednesday 18th December-Christmas lunch

Thursday 19th December - Christmas Pyjama Day

Friday 20th - Christmas Sing Along & Mulled Wine & Mince Pies & a very Surprise Visitor (Father Christmas) from 3pm - ALL children and their parents are more than welcome to attend (even if you don't ordinarily attend all year round. We only request that two adults per child attend.

This month

----- WE WILL BE LEARNING ABOUT – FESTIVALS, FAITHS & RELIGIONS

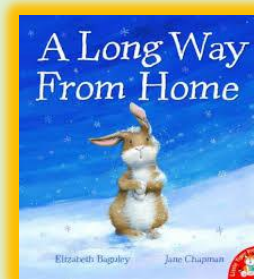
We will be engaging in lots of activities where we will learn all about the different cultures and festivals around the world.

Did you know that the 25th of December is also considered to be the birthday of Hindu god, Krishna as well as Mirtha the Greek god of light!

We will be exploring how to build a snowman, and how to decorate a Christmas tree!

The Little Beans will be making lots of Christmas and festival themed crafts, including cards and decorations! If you would like your child's Christmas craft to be addressed to someone in particular, then please let a member of the team know!

These are some of the books we will be exploring this month too:





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Little Beans Celebrates! Events in December 2024

25 December 2024 to 2 January 2025 — Hanukkah! Also known as the Festival of Lights or the Feast of Dedication, the holiday celebrates the rededication of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem. The holiday takes place for eight nights and days, commemorating the rededication of the Holy Temple.

4th December 2024 — International Cheetah Day! The world's fastest land animal is racing against extinction. This day is about raising awareness of the cheetah's imminent extinction and we will be making all sorts of fabulous cheetah themed crafts and trying to recreate their amazing patterns as well as releasing our inner cheetahs in some races!

12th December 2024 - Christmas Jumper Day! An event organised by Save the Children to help raise money for children worldwide. Come wearing your best Christmas Jumper!!

16 December 2024 —Jane Austen Day! Jane Austen's birthday, and a day dedicated to celebrating her life and achievements, and to telling as many people as possible about her amazing works. We will be celebrating by reading and writing our own books and stories to channel our inner author!



21 December 2024 - Robin Day! (we will celebrate this on 23rd December) An annual nationwide event raising awareness of small birds and other wildlife in winter. We will be exploring how we can help them through this tough and chilly time of year!

21st December 2024 — Winter officially begins! The shortest day of the year marks the start of winter. We will be exploring seasons, and what the signs of winter are! We will be experimenting with ice and snow, as well as making lots of winter themed arts and crafts.

24 and 25 December 2024 — Christmas Eve and Christmas! In the run up to the Christmas break, we will be talking about Christmas and how thankful we are to be spending it with our families, and talking about the presents we have shared with each other and our loved ones!

Nurture your Little Bean into a Book worm!

----- Reading

'The EYFS Curriculum states that *'it is crucial for children to learn a life-long love of reading'* so let's read every day, the benefits for reading from birth and success in later life are proven.

Snuggle up and read with your Little Bean every day! Have a special place to keep your books.

Take your Little Bean to the local library and explore the different types of books available to borrow.

Act out the story with your Little Bean. Take on characters, different voices and humour to bring the story to life!

Talk about reading from left to right and encourage your Little Bean to trace the words with their fingers.

Make mistakes in familiar songs and stories... and let your Little Bean catch you out!

Point out and talk about all the words in the world around us such as the name of the shop you are in or the labels on foods.

Encourage your Little Bean to make their very own picture books where they can describe their own stories.





Little Bean's Recipe of the Month

Moroccan Spiced Couscous

INGREDIENTS

1. 400g Couscous
2. 500ml Boiling water
3. 100g Sultanas
4. 1 Pepper - cubed
5. 1 Courgette - cubed
6. 2 Carrots - cubed
7. 1 Red onion - sliced
8. 1 Tin of black beans - drained
9. 1 Carton tomato passata
10. 2 tbsp Moroccan seasoning
11. 1 tbsp oil

Top Tip:

Couscous is a type of pasta that tastes great hot or cold and can be found in most supermarkets. It works well with chicken, cheese and dried fruit. 😊

METHOD

12. Put the oil in a glass or ceramic tray and add the pepper, courgette, carrot and onions.
13. Roast for 15 minutes.
14. In a pot, add the water, black beans, passata and sultanas and simmer for 5 minutes.
15. Add the couscous to the water and mix well.
16. Add the Moroccan seasoning and mix well.
17. Remove from the heat and cover with tinfoil and a lid.
18. Leave to stand for 10 minutes.
19. Mix the couscous well and add in the roasted vegetables.

Enjoy!

TERM DATES FOR TERM TIME ONLY (TTO) CHILDREN:

Autumn Term

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

Half term – Monday 28th November 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!

We look forward to seeing our All Year-Round children from Thursday 2nd January 2025, and our Term Time Only children from Monday 6th January 2025.

We wish you all a wonderful festive season from all of us at Little Beans Weymouth!



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



Christmas Sing Along Songs

WHEN SANTA GOT STUCK UP THE CHIMNEY

(Traditional)

When Santa got stuck up the chimney,
He began to shout,



You girls and boys,
Won't get any toys,
If you don't pull me out.
There's soot on my back,
And my beard is all black,

My nose is tickling too!

When Santa got stuck up the chimney,
Achoo, Achoo, Achoo.

CHRISTMAS PUDDING

Christmas Pudding, Christmas Pudding,
Steaming hot, steaming hot,
Sprinkle on the sugar, sprinkle on the sugar,
Eat the lot, eat the lot.

JINGLE BELLS

Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way.
Oh what fun it is to ride in a one horse open sleigh. Hey!
Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way.
Oh what fun it is to ride in a one horse open sleigh.
Dashing through the snow in a one horse open sleigh.
O'er the fields we go laughing all the way. Ho! Ho! Ho!
Bells on bobtails ring making spirits bright.
What fun it is to ride and sing a sleighing song to tonight.
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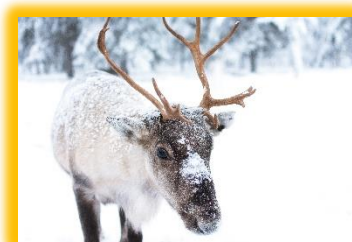
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RUDOLPH THE RED NOSE REINDEER

Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer
Had a very shiny nose
And if you ever saw it
You would even say it glows
All of the other reindeer
Used to laugh and call him names
They never let poor Rudolph
Join in any reindeer games
Then one foggy Christmas Eve
Santa came to say
"Rudolph with your nose so bright
Won't you guide my sleigh tonight?"
Then how the reindeer loved him
As they shouted out with glee
"Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer
You'll go down in history!"
Oh, Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer
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AWAY IN A MANGER

Away in a manger,
No crib for a bed
The little Lord Jesus
Laid down His sweet head
The stars in the bright sky
Looked down where He lay
The little Lord Jesus
Asleep on the hay
The cattle are lowing
The Baby awakes
But little Lord Jesus
No crying He makes
I love You, Lord Jesus
Look down from the sky
And stay by my side
Until morning is nigh
Be near me, Lord Jesus
I ask You to stay
Close by me forever
And love me I pray
Bless all the dear children
In Your tender care
And fit us for heaven
To live with You there



WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS

We wish you a Merry Christmas,
We wish you a Merry Christmas,
We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Good tidings we bring to you and your kin.
We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Now, bring us some figgy pudding,
Now, bring us some figgy pudding,
Now, bring us some figgy pudding, and bring it out here!
Good tidings we bring to you and your kin.
We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

For we all like figgy pudding,
For we all like figgy pudding,
For we all like figgy pudding, so bring it out here!
Good tidings we bring to you and your kin.
And we won't go until we got some,
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