

Little Beans

Weymouth



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Core Book this month

----- WHAT WE ARE READING AND WHY

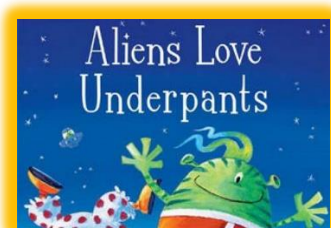
Aliens Love Underpants is a story enjoyed by so many children, we decided to do activities within the alien theme. Activities will include, making a rocket, riding on a spaceship using their imagination, making slime, decorating underpants, and much more.

Learning outcomes

- ✓ Building confidence and self-esteem

Extend language skills

- ✓ Introducing new words in line with the story plus words from the 100-word list for children to learn to say correctly.



Fine motor skills and gross motor skills

- ✓ Building muscles in fingers and hands by using resources to create pictures and models, rolling playdough, and using pegs to put up pictures and pants.
- ✓ Using arms and legs to explore balance and coordination whilst using the larger equipment.

Explore our senses

- ✓ Exploring the slime with different smells and textures.

Counting

- ✓ Using number language and beginning to count objects, order them in size, color, and shape.

This month

We are learning about.....

----- COUNTRIES!

This month the Little Beans will be taking part in activities where we will be learning about different countries, religions, festivals, and traditions from around the world. We will be embracing language, costume, religions, the world cup, travel, festivals, food- the list is endless!

We will be celebrating the diverse cultures and community around us. We will be learning and exploring the similarities and differences within our cultures.

We are asking if any of our amazing parents, carers and families would like to bring in any resources or perhaps even come in for a talk to the children about their culture.

Please email or call to set a date and time where you can come in!





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Little Beans Celebrates!

Events in November 2024

3rd November - World Jellyfish Day! (Sunday so we will celebrate it on Monday 4th November!) A day dedicated to the beautiful marine animal – the jellyfish. At Little Beans we will be exploring lots of different craft and messy activities as well as looking at mathematics too. How many tentacles does a jellyfish have?

5th November - Guy Fawkes Night! We will be looking at the story around Guy Fawkes and celebrating firework night by making some creative fireworks pictures!

6th November - National Saxophone Day! Celebrated annually on the birthday of Belgian instrument maker, Adolphe Sax who was the inventor of the saxophone. At Little Beans we will be celebrating all things musical and seeing if we can make some of our own instruments!



11th November - Remembrance Day! The day when we remember those members of the armed forces who gave their lives in conflict. We will be making poppies to wear and observe a minute's silence to show our respect and thankfulness in the week leading up to remembrance Sunday.



13th November - World Kindness Day! A day to celebrate and promote kindness in all its forms. We will be talking about all things that are kind and thinking about how we can make other people happy. We will be exploring our emotions too, when we are kind how does that make someone feel?

19th to 23rd November - Road Safety Week! A week where communities take action on road safety. We will be talking about how to stay safe when out and about in the community.

21st November - World Hello Day! This day is about demonstrating the importance for communicating! We will be exploring the different way in which we can say hello for example as well as speaking there is signing too! Can you try say hello to ten people today!

28th November - Thanksgiving! US national holiday which is a celebration of the successful harvest and other blessings of the past year.

30th November — St Andrews Day! Celebration of the patron saint of Scotland, St. Andrew. In the week leading up to St Andrew's Day we will be looking at Scottish flags and learning some fun facts about Scotland!



Parent's Evening ----- 13TH NOVEMBER 2024

6pm to 8pm

You should have received your invite to attend your child's parent evening.

This is a wonderful opportunity to meet with your child's key person and celebrate your child's achievements and discuss how we work together in supporting your child's next steps in their learning.





Little Bean's Recipe of the Month

Chicken and Vegetable Korma with Rice

----- INGREDIENTS

- 700g chicken breast
- 1 tin coconut milk
- 1 tbsp turmeric
- 1 tbsp ground coriander
- 1 tbsp garlic powder
- 1.5 tbsp garam masala
- 250ml boiling water
- 500g mixed vegetables
- 100g flour
- 100g corn flour
- 300g rice

Top Tip:

Don't forget to serve with poppadom's or nan bread!

----- METHOD

1. Boil the chicken and vegetables in water for around 1 hour.
 2. Once boiled drain the water and chop the chicken into small mouth sized pieces.
 3. Add the water, spices and coconut milk and mix well.
 4. Simmer on the hob for around 20 mins.
 5. Whilst this is simmering boil the rice in a different pan.
 6. Mix together the flour and corn flour and slowly add into the mix until reached desired thickness.
 7. Add more spices in if you like your curry spicy.
- 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!

CHILDREN IN NEED

This year, Children in Need is **Friday 17th November 2024**. Of course, we love a fancy dress day, and it is always a good excuse to try and raise some money for those in need!

This year, we have decided to have an animal fancy dress day!

Please encourage your children to dress as their favourite animals. We just ask that you donate £1 (or more should you wish) for them to take part.

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



Autumn Tree Themed 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.

Five Little Leaves

This can be sung to the tune of 5 little ducks. Using fingers to represent the number of leaves to help children learn the value of numbers. Alternatively, instead of leaves, you can also have 5 little apples dancing around on a tree one day.

Five little leaves so bright and gay,

Were dancing about on a tree one day.

The wind came blowing through the town

Whoooooooooooo... Whoooooooooooo

And one little leaf came tumbling down.

Four little leaves so bright and gay

(and then repeat and continue down to no little leaves)



Five Shiny Conkers

Five shiny conkers on a horse chestnut, (Hold up 5 fingers or point to 5 conkers)

Beautiful and brown, don't you all agree?

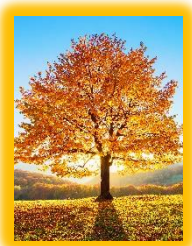
Along came the wind, whoosh (Make whooshing/blowing noise)

And down one fell, (Drop hands down or remove one)

And a squirrel came to find it in its spikey green shell.

Four shiny conkers on a horse chestnut tree..

(Repeat and keep counting down until there are no conkers left.)



Five Little Acorns

Five little acorns sitting in a tree

*Along came Mr. Squirrel as hungry as could be!
Then the fall winds blew*

And rustled all the leaves

Down came an acorn

And Mr. Squirrel was pleased!

(Repeat and keep counting down until there are no acorns left.)



I've got a Basket of Apples

I've got a basket of apples, (Pretend to hold a basket on arm)

Picked from a tree, (Reach up high to pretend to pick from a tree)

Apples rosy-red for you, (Point)

And shiny green for me; (Point to self)

Some of them are big, (Hands cupped wide)

Some of them are small, (Hands cupped small)

Some are like a ball; (Indicate shapes with forefingers.)

Some of them are sour... ugh!! (Pull a face)

Lots of lovely apples

For you and me to eat. (Fist on fist on fist to indicate a pile.)

