

Little Beans

Weymouth



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Fabulous February!

----- PUT A SPRING IN YOUR STEP

Where has this half term gone?! The Spring Term is such a short one, but it is the time we start to see our children reaching their milestones in their learning and those who have recently started, settled into our routine.

We have been able to share some of these successes with you via face to face conversations, telephone calls and Tapestry. We will be holding a Parent Progress Review meetings for the children who started with us after September. We will send out individual invites to you via Tapestry.

Our Topics in February 2025

As we enter into February please take a look at the different topics we will be learning about each week...

Week 1 – Gardening and Growing- Week Commencing 03/02/2025

The children will be planting their own flowers, growing cress and observing how seeds transform into fruits and flowers. The children will also have an opportunity to design their own gardens!

If you have any old wellingtons or plant pots that you would like to donate for the children to plant seeds in, that would be great.

Week 2 – Valentines Week - Week Commencing 10/02/2025

The children will be designing cards for Valentine’s Day, Roleplaying a restaurant dinner experience and learning all about friendships and kindness.

Week 3 – Sports Week - Week Commencing 17/02/2025

We will be looking at different sports and the children will have the chance to take part in obstacle courses in the garden. The children will be learning all about tennis, football, golf and many other sports in the garden.

Week 4 – My Body - 24/02/2025

The children will be learning about their bodies and observing the different features that we all have, e.g. hair colour, eye colour. We will learn how to take care of our bodies and how it is important to exercise.

This month

----- WE WILL BE LEARNING ABOUT.....

Construction and vehicles!

This month, your Little Bean will dive into the fascinating world of construction and vehicles!

We’ll explore stories like The Three Little Pigs to discover lessons about building and balancing with different materials.

We’ll also learn how vehicles play a key role in construction, from cranes building tall towers to diggers creating foundations and cement trucks mixing materials.

Our activities will include plenty of junk modelling and hands-on building fun. If you have any spare cereal boxes or kitchen roll tubes, please bring them in to help us create some amazing projects





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Little Beans Celebrates!

Events in February 2025

1st February - 9th February 2025: National Storytelling Week! This week celebrates the rich oral tradition of storytelling—the original way humans shared life experiences and expressed their creative imaginations. Throughout the week, we'll immerse ourselves in as many stories as possible, sharing our thoughts on favourite characters, plots, and memorable scenes!

3rd - 9th February 2025: Children's Mental Health Week! This week is dedicated to raising awareness about the importance of children's mental health. The 2025 theme, "Know Yourself, Grow Yourself," encourages children and young people to embrace self-awareness and explore what it means to them. The week features fun and engaging activities to help children better understand and express their emotions. At Little Beans, we'll focus on activities that promote emotional well-being and self-expression!



14th February 2025: Valentine's Day! The annual celebration of love is a special chance to express how much our loved ones mean to us. On this day, we'll be sharing thoughts about love, happiness, and the people or things that make us feel cherished and joyful!



17th February 2025: Random Acts of Kindness Day! This special day inspires us to make the world a little brighter through simple, thoughtful acts of kindness. Founded in 1995 by the Random Acts of Kindness Foundation, it reminds us of the power of generosity and compassion. At Little Beans, we'll celebrate on Friday, 16th February 2025, by exploring what it means to be kind and discovering ways we can spread kindness to others!

27th February 2025: International Polar Bear Day! This day raises awareness about the challenges polar bears face due to climate change and melting sea ice. It's an opportunity to reflect on the importance of protecting their natural habitats and reducing our carbon footprint. At Little Beans, we'll be exploring ways to help our planet and learning about these incredible Arctic animals!



BOOK OF THE MONTH!

----- Happy reading



The children will explore the different feelings of the Gingerbread Man throughout the story. Naming a feeling and asking the children to experiment with showing the adults an expression on their face to represent that feeling.

We will then take photos of the children showing these feelings to create a display for children to use to help them express their emotions.

We will invite children to bring in any memorabilia or photos of their grandparents for show and tell. We would also like to invite grandparents to read the story and talk about their life/childhood, including their favourite stories or recipes with the children.





Little Bean's Recipe of the Month

Leek and cauliflower cheese bake

----- INGREDIENTS

- 1 leek
- 250g of peas
- 500g of cauliflower
- 200g of cheese
- 50g of butter
- 150g of plain flour
- 250ml of milk
- 150g of mushrooms
- 2 large carrots, grated
- 500g of potatoes

Top Tip:

Swap the potato wedges for pasta and make a delicious cheesy pasta bake! 😊

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1. Preheat the oven to 190
2. Place grated carrot, sliced mushrooms, cauliflower, peas and leeks into a pot and bring to the boil.
3. Chop the potatoes into wedges and lightly drizzle with oil before putting into the oven for 30-45 mins.
4. In a separate pot, mix the milk and butter together to make a sauce and add flour to reach desired consistency.
5. Add half of the cheese to the sauce and mix well
6. Once vegetables are softened, place them into a casserole dish and pour over the sauce.
7. Sprinkle the remainder of the cheese on top and bake for 40 minutes

-----Enjoy!

TERM DATES FOR TERM TIME ONLY (TTO) CHILDREN:	TERM DATES FOR ALL YEAR ROUND (AYR) CHILDREN:	Bank Holidays (nursery closed)
Autumn Term	Academic year	Wednesday 1 st January 2025
Spring term	Monday 2 nd September 2024 – Friday 29 th August 2025	Friday 18 th April 2025
Term 1 - Monday 6 th January 2025 – Friday 14 th February 2025	Spring Term	Monday 21 st April 2025
Half term – Monday 17 th February 2025 – Friday 21 st February 2025	1 st January 2025 – 28 th March 2025 (13 weeks)	Monday 5 th May 2025
Term 2 – Monday 24 th February 2025 – Friday 4 th April 2025	Summer Term	Monday 26 th May 2025
Summer term	31 st March 2025 – 29 th August 2025 (22 weeks)	Monday 25 th August 2025
Easter Holidays – Monday 7 th April 2025 – Friday 18 th April 2025	Closed for Christmas	Thursday 25 th December 2025
Term 1 – Monday 21 st April 2025 – Friday 23 rd May 2025	Wednesday 25 th December 2024 – Wednesday 1 st January 2025 (Inclusive)	Friday 26 th December 2025
Half term – Monday 26 th May 2025 – Friday 30 th May 2025		
Term 2 – Monday 2 nd June 2025 – Friday 18 th July 2025		
Summer Holidays – Monday 21 st July 2025 – Friday 29 th August 2025		



Little Beans Weymouth – January 2025

Housekeeping!

Welcome

We're so happy to welcome Keeley on board as a level 2 apprentice at Little Beans Weymouth, she is already a big hit with the children here!

Reminders

Just to remind you all please :

- Leave shoes in the box outside – Little Beans has a no shoes policy for inside the nursery.
- Ensure all children have a puddle suit with their name on and to bring welly boots that can be left at the nursery. We can then enjoy lots of fun times splashing in puddles and playing in the garden in all weathers!
- Any changes to sessions either from hot lunches to packed lunches and any changes to sessions whether that be days/hours – all require a month's written notice to our email thehub@littlebeansdaycareweymouth.com

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



February 2025 – we will be singing.....

Five Currant Buns



5 currant buns in the baker's shop,
Round and fat with a cherry on the top.
Along came _____ with a penny one day,
Bought a currant bun and took it right away.

4 currant buns in the baker's shop...
3 currant buns in the baker's shop...
2 currant buns in the baker's shop...
1 currant bun in the baker's shop...

No currant buns in the baker's shop,
Round and fat with a cherry on the top.
Along came _____ with a penny one day,
Sorry little boy no currant buns today!

One Potato, Two Potato

In my little garden, now promise you won't laugh
I haven't any flowers and I haven't any grass
But now I'm going to dig and plant and soon I'll have a show
With a bit of sun and a bit of rain there'll be a lovely row of..

One potato two potato three potato four, five potato six
potato seven potato more
One potato two potato three potato four, five potato six
potato seven potato more



Five Little Speckled Frogs

5 little speckled frogs,
Sat on a speckled log,
Eating the most delicious bugs,
Yum! Yum!
1 jumped into the pool,
Where it was nice and cool.
Then there were 4 green speckled frogs,
Glug! Glug!

4 little speckled frogs...
3 little speckled frogs...
2 little speckled frogs...
1 little speckled frog...
No little speckled frogs...



1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Once I Caught a Fish Alive

1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Once I caught a fish alive.
6, 7, 8, 9, 10
Then I let it go again.
Why did you let it go?
Because it bit my finger so.
Which finger did it bite?
This little finger on my right!

