

Little Beans

Weymouth



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Time is Marching on!

----- SPRING IS IN THE AIR

With the month of March we will be exploring the changes that spring brings, looking at the way things grow and change over time. We will be exploring various plants and flowers such as blossoms, bluebells and daffodils. We will be using our fine motor skills to pull apart and explore the flowers, we will be using the petals and stems to mark make. We will be adding flowers to our playdough and using rose and lavender essential oils.

Throughout March we will be continue our growing project and learn about how spring is coming and what spring brings. We will be planting seeds and watching them grow. During circle time we will be sharing spring poems and looking at various photos of spring animals and flowers.

March is a beautiful time of the year and we will be celebrating the arrival of spring by creating spring potions. The children will be introduced to the classical composition by Antonio Vivaldi, The Four Seasons and we explore movement to this music. We will talk about how this composition makes us feel.

Together, we will be transforming the garden by introducing a bug hotel, a garden centre and a “junk yard”.

The children are excited to start planting seeds and watching the changes over time.

We will also be looking at ‘our natural world’. The natural world includes plants and animals, soil, rocks, water, and air. Things can be described, compared, and classified on the basis of their characteristics. Nature includes living and non-living things. Living things need food, water, air, and shelter, and can move, grow, and reproduce.

Fun activities this month include learning about recycling to protect our nature, counting how many bugs we see in the garden, learning how to help our environment etc. Throughout nursery, children will do age appropriate activities, using the seven areas of the EYFS curriculum.

Support at Home:- To support your child’s nursery education at home, help your little ones by going for walks and exploring the wildlife, ask them to describe what they can see, do some counting, take some paper and crayons and have fun doing some tree rubbings! Look at recycling at home – what can you make out of your junk!

This month

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

Animals!

This month, This month, we’ll be diving into the fascinating world of animals and their habitats!

We’ll compare different animals, learning fun facts and spotting similarities and differences between them. Together, we’ll explore which animals live in the water, which roam the land, and which take to the skies.

Some big questions we’ll be asking:

- How big is a whale? 🐳
- Which animal is the fastest? 🐘
- Are there creatures that thrive in extreme heat or freezing cold? ❄️💧

We’ll also discover how animals spend their days—some are awake when we are, while others sleep all day and come to life at night!

We’ll talk about pets and why some animals, like cats and dogs, make great companions, while others, like lions and tigers, are best admired from afar!

Lastly, we’ll have fun learning the special names for baby animals - how many can we remember? It’s going to be an exciting adventure into the animal kingdom!





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Little Beans Celebrates!

Events in March 2025

1st March: St David's Day We will be celebrating on Monday 3rd March, the patron saint of Wales by looking at the Welsh flag and making daffodils to wear! We will also look at the Welsh landscape and seeing if we can find similarities and differences between our own!

6th March: World Book Day Annual celebration of books and reading celebrated by reading, book related activities and dressing up as characters from books. At Little Beans we will be encouraging all to dress up as their favourite book or nursery rhyme character! We will be looking at all types of books and stories and seeing if we can make up any stories of our own!

8th March: International Women's Day This annual event celebrates all the amazing things women have achieved. It is a way to show how women have and continue to influence the world. We will celebrate it on 10th March and talk about and celebrate the brilliant women we know in our Little Beans circle of families and friends.

30th March: Mother's Day At Little Beans we will be thinking all about the special women in our lives and thinking of kind ways to show our appreciation for them!

21st March: Red Nose Day At Little Beans we will be fundraising for Comic Relief by dressing up in something red! We will be doing lots of fun activities through the day to make us smile and laugh like telling jokes, playing group games and doing some baking! See the poster on the website for details!

18th March: Global Recycling Day We are asking all Little Beans to bring something in for a junk modelling competition! We love to reuse and recycle here at Little Beans and will be working together to use junk modelling to make some fantastic creations!

20th March: Equinox The equinox marks the day when day and night are the same lengths all over the world, with the word equinox literally meaning 'equal night' in Latin. Spring begins!

21st March: World Down Syndrome Day Little Beans will be fundraising for Down syndrome association. We are asking that you let your child pick the craziest socks to help raise money for this fantastic charity, who support children with down syndrome and their families.

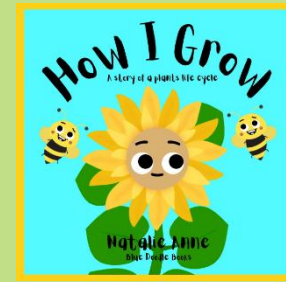
22nd March: World Water Day A worldwide event to recognise how important it is to not waste water, and how important water is to all creatures and living things! We will mark this on 24th March.

28th March: Wear a Hat Day: This fundraising day is in aid of Brain Tumour Research. Wear A Hat Day arrives as the culmination of weeks of awareness and campaigning as part of Brain Tumour Awareness Month.

30th March: Daylight saving begins today, so remember that the clocks go forward 1 hour at 1am in the morning!

BOOK OF THE MONTH!

----- Happy reading



This colourful, beautifully designed children's book follows the story of a little plant's life cycle. From seed to fully grown plant and beyond to the next generation.

Written from the point of view of the plant. This children's book is designed for younger children to capture their curiosity and increase their knowledge through this fun, rhyming, heart-warming story.





Little Bean's Recipe of the Month

Lemon Drizzle Cake

INGREDIENTS

- 250g Butter
- 250g Sugar
- 250g Self Raising Flour
- 3 Eggs
- 2 Lemons
- 100g Icing Sugar
- 5g Baking Powder

Top Tip:

Swap the lemons for oranges and make an Orange Drizzle Cake instead! 😊

METHOD

1. Preheat oven to gas mark 5 or 200 degrees.
2. Mix the butter, sugar and eggs together.
3. Grate 2 lemon zests and add to the mixture.
4. Add the juice of 1 lemon.
5. Fold in the flour and baking powder.
6. Bake in oven for 20 minutes or until golden brown!
7. Juice the second lemon and add the icing sugar.
8. Make fork pricks in the cake to allow for better absorption.
9. Drizzle the lemon icing sugar over the top of the cake once cooked.

-----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 2nd September 2024 – Friday 29th 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		Thursday 25 th December 2025
Term 1 – Monday 21 st April 2025 – Friday 23 rd May 2025		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 – February 2025

Housekeeping!

Welcome



We're so happy to welcome Paige to Little Beans Weymouth as an apprentice working towards her Level 3 Early Years diploma.

Paige is very creative and loves art and design. We know the children are going to enjoy their time with her, using their imaginations to create lots of wonderful things!

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

Tapestry

We would like to make a special mention to our parents for their contribution to the children's home learning via Tapestry. We are really looking forward to the Spring activities!

Reminders

Please remember to pay your fee invoices in a timely manner - this saves us spending precious time chasing these along!

Also - don't forget to reconfirm your HMRC codes and eligibility with HMRC every few months - we really do appreciate this as it makes things run much smoother at our end. 😊

Please label all children's clothing and bottles. Do let us know if there are any issues regards to Tapestry/ receiving notifications!

Thank you - Little Beans Team Weymouth



March 2025 – we will be singing.....

Bunny Pokey

Sung to: "Hokey Pokey"

You put your bunny ears in (Place hands on head to make ears)

You put your bunny ears out.

You put your bunny ears in.

And you shake them all about.

You do the Bunny Pokey

And hop yourself around,

That's what it's all about!!

5 Green Shamrocks

(Put your child's name into the rhyme)

Five green shamrocks, sitting by my door (Name) picked one and then there were four

Four green shamrocks, green as green could be, (Name) picked one and then there were three

Three green shamrocks, sitting by my shoe (Name) picked one and then there were two

Two green shamrocks enjoying the sun (Name) picked one and then there was one

One green shamrock for St Patrick's day fun (Name) picked one and then there were none.

Mother's Day Song

Sung to: "You are my sunshine"

I love you mummy, my dearest mummy

You make me happy when I am sad

I want to tell you I really love you!

When I'm with you I am so glad!

Thank You, Mum

Sung to: "London Bridge"

Thank you, Mom, for all your hugs,

All your hugs, all your hugs.

Thank you Mom, for all your hugs,

They feel good to me.

Thank you Mom for all your kisses

All your kisses, all your kisses.

Thank you Mom for all your kisses,

They feel good to me.

Thank you Mom for all your love

All your love, all your love.

Thank you Mom for all your love,

It feels good to me.