

Little Beans

Weymouth



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Hello Summertime!

----- WELCOME WARMER WEATHER

April is a very busy month, as we welcome spring, and we start our curriculum activities around 'Life Cycles'.

We currently have little caterpillars which all the children will be able to see the amazing life cycle of them change into beautiful butterflies!



Support at Home:

To support your child's nursery education at home, don't hesitate to speak to their key worker and watch out in the garden and fields for spring flowers blooming, birds building nests and newborn lambs as nature springs into life due to lighter and warmer days.

You may want to do a fun activity together, such as planting and growing seeds such as cress which is easy to do in bowl!

We will be hosting 'Bring a Plant Month' and are asking parents and carers to donate a plant which your child can plant in our garden. If you also have any old plant pots or planters we would love to take them off your hands!



We are also hoping to make a music wall, so if you have any old pots and pans & wooden spoons, or any old musical instruments you would like to donate we would be truly grateful.

This month

----- WE WILL BE
LEARNING ABOUT LIFE IN
SPRING, MINIBEASTS AND APRIL
SHOWERS.....

There will be wonderful learning experiences in April and the children will learn about:

Easter

- We will celebrate Easter by listening to songs and stories about Easter
- Participate in our Easter Bonnet Parade
- Develop an awareness of Easter symbolisms e.g. Easter bonnets, bunnies, carrots, eggs, chicks.

Growth and New Life

- Name and identify baby animals on the farm.
- Develop an awareness of new life in Spring e.g. buds on trees, flowers in gardens, frogs and chicks.
- Observe first-hand the life-cycle of a butterfly.
- Develop an awareness of stages of their own personal growth from baby to now.
- Develop understanding of care of babies and develop empathy towards them.
- Develop understanding of planting processes of vegetables and flowers.
- Participate in a wide range of planting activities and begin to understand the planting and growing process.

Minibeasts

- Develop respect for living things and learn how to care for mini-beasts i.e. caterpillars as they transition to butterflies.
- Name a variety of mini-beasts and their body parts e.g. wing, leg, antennae.
- Become familiar with mini-beast's habitats and their environment (fields, lakes, pond, river, flowers, moss etc.).
- Count the number of legs etc. of the various mini-beasts through their play, songs, rhymes and stories.



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Little Beans Celebrates!

Events in April 2025

1st April - April Fool's Day!

Celebrated all over the world as a morning of jokes and tricks - but don't play a trick after noon - or you are the fool! The Little Beans will be talking about the jokes and tricks they played on their families and trying hard to make each other laugh!

Easter (Easter Friday 18th April, Easter Sunday 20th April and Easter Monday 21st April)

The Little Beans will be talking about Easter the first week of April and engaging in activities based around Easter and Spring! We will be searching high and low for Easter Eggs, trying hot cross buns and seeing who can design the best Easter Egg!

2nd April - International Children's Book Day

The Little Beans will be celebrating books and stories all month long in celebration of international children's book day and talking about our favourites!

22nd April - World Earth Day

Worldwide event to raise awareness of the environmental issues which face the whole of planet Earth! The Little Beans will be using this day to engage in lots of recycling and junk modelling activities, as well as talking about our home and how important it is to look after our World.



23rd April - St George's Day

The patron saint of England's bravery will be celebrated by talking all about how we are brave! We will also be looking at the England flag and designing our own!



25th April - Penguin Day

Awareness day to highlight the dangers that penguin's habitats face, as well as the number of penguin species which are endangered.



29th April - International Dance Day

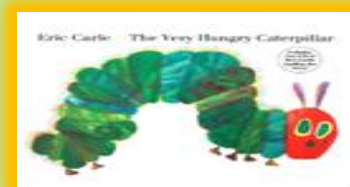
A celebration day for those who can see the value and importance of the art form "dance". The Little Beans will try out all their dance moves!

REMINDER: WE ARE CLOSED:

- GOOD FRIDAY - 18TH April 2025
- EASTER MONDAY - 21st April 2025

CORE BOOKS

----- Happy reading



We have chosen specific 'core books' which we want our children to know well by the time they leave nursery. These books are the type of books that can be re-visited again and again, on different levels to support language development.

The idea is that children will develop language and increase vocabulary in addition to gaining a love of books and will become very familiar with these known texts so that they can remember and re-tell them.

Our shared reading plan includes strategies which encourage the children to join in, so that the experience of reading becomes interactive and the children begin to learn the story as they are read to. In each book there is lots to discuss so that the children understand the vocabulary as well as what is happening.

All of our core books have pictures, which support the text but also compliment and add to it. We discuss the pictures and what is happening in them as much as the text. We find our children learn parts / all of the books word for word after a while, which can give them great confidence as early readers in terms of fluency when reading.

This term we will be focusing on 'Jack and the Beanstalk' & 'The Hungry Caterpillar' to extend the children's interest in growing and mini-beasts.





Little Bean's Recipe of the Month

Vegetable Stir Fry

INGREDIENTS

- 1 Carton of Tomato Passata
- 1 Vegetable Stock Cube
- 20ml of Soy Sauce
- 1/2 tbsp of Ground Garlic
- 1 tbsp of Chinese 5 Spice
- 250g of Mixed Vegetables
- 200g of Rice or Noodles

Top Tip:

If you want to add chicken or pork, fry the meat separately in a little oil until cooked through and then add to the noodle and vegetable mix after step 5

METHOD

1. Boil the rice or noodles for 15 minutes then add the vegetables and boil for a further 15 minutes.
2. Drain the noodles and vegetables and then add the passata and soy sauce, mix well.
3. Simmer on a medium heat for 10 minutes.
4. Add the spices to the mixture and simmer for a further 15 minutes.
5. Add boiling water if necessary.

Enjoy!

TERM DATES FOR TERM TIME ONLY (TTO) CHILDREN:

Autumn Term

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

Autumn Term

Term 1 – Monday 1st September 2025 – Friday 24th October 2025

Half term – Monday 27th October 2025 – Friday 31st October 2025

Term 2 – Monday 3rd November 2025 – Friday 12th December 2025

TERM DATES FOR ALL YEAR ROUND (AYR) CHILDREN:

Academic year

Monday 2nd September 2024 – Friday 29th August 2025

Spring Term

1st January 2025 – 28th March 2025 (13 weeks)

Summer Term

31st March 2025 – 29th August 2025 (22 weeks)

Academic year

Monday 1st September 2025 – Friday 28th August 2026

Autumn term 1st September 2025 –

Friday 19th December 2025 (16 weeks)

Spring Term 22nd December 2025

- January 2026 – 28th March 2026 (13 weeks)

Summer Term 31st March 2026 – 29th

August 2026 (22 weeks)

Bank Holidays (nursery closed)

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

Closed for Christmas! 🎄

Wednesday 24th December 2025 – Tuesday 31st December 2025 inclusive and Monday 1st January 2026 (Bank holiday closed)

Re-open on the Friday 2nd January 2026



Little Beans Weymouth – March 2025

Housekeeping!

Welcome



A very warm welcome to Lily who has joined the Weymouth team as an apprentice. Lily loves to read and enjoys nothing more than sharing stories with the little ones. With International Children's Book Day this month there will be lots of stories to tell!

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 on www.littlebeansdaycare.com

Reminders

With the weather warming up don't forget sunhats!

Thank you – Little Beans Team Weymouth



April 2025 – we will be singing.....

I Dig my Garden

I dig my garden, dig, dig, dig
I dig my garden I dig it deep
I plant some seeds and I
watch them grow,
But along comes a rabbit
and oh no!
He eats my carrots,
Munch, munch, munch
He eats my carrots he
eats the whole bunch
I run to my garden and I shoo,
shoo,
shoo
But the rabbit will come back,
Oh what will I do, But the rabbit
will
come back, Oh what will I do?



One Little Bunny

One little, two little,
three little bunnies,
Four little, five little, six
little bunnies,
seven little, eight little
nine little bunnies,
Ten little bunnies
hopping round.



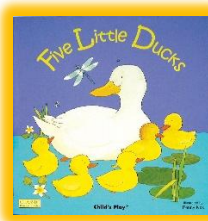
Five Little Speckled Frogs

Five little speckled frogs sat on a
speckled log,
Eating some most delicious bugs (yum
yum!)
One jumped into the pool, where it
was nice and cool
Then there were four speckled frogs
(glug glug!)
Continue 4,3,2,1,



Five Little Ducks

Five little ducks went
swimming one
day
Over the hill and far away
Mummy duck shouts quack,
quack,
quack, quack,
But only four little ducks came
back.
Four little ducks. . . .
Three little ducks . . .
Two little ducks . . .
One little duck . . .



It is Spring Time
To the tune of "Are You Sleeping?"

It is Spring time.

It is Spring time.

Winter's gone!

Winter's gone!

Soon it will be summer.

Soon it will be summer.

It won't be long.

It won't be long.



Pigs in the Mud

Tune: "Row, Row, Row Your Boat"

Roll, roll, roll around

In the mud all day.

That is what the pigs all do.

What a way to play! That is how they stay,

Oh, so very nice and cool On a sunny day.



I'm a Little Piggy
Sung to: "I'm a little Teapot"

I'm a little piggy Short and stout

Here are my ears

Here is my snout

When I see the

Farmer in the dell,

I oink, oink, oink

and wiggle my tail.

Here is a pig fat and round.

He uses his snout to dig up the ground.

Here is a turkey, and a rooster, too.

He crows with a "Cock-a-doodle-doo!"

Here is a cow who gives us milk.

Her nose is cold and soft as silk.

Here is a sheep, "Baa-baa" she goes.

She gives us the wool to make our

clothes.

Here is a peeping baby duck.

Here is a hen that says, "Cluck, cluck!"

