

Little Beans

Weymouth



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May madness!

Welcome to the May 2025 edition of our Newsletter. We have another exciting month ahead with a whole host of activities planned for the Little Beans to enjoy!

As the flowers bloom, the sun shines brighter and April showers are on the wane, there are more smiles than ever to share around as we enjoy our outdoor spaces!

Some of our older nursery friends will be leaving us in the summer to start school. We will slowly begin the transition to school this month by encouraging the children to be independent in tasks such as putting their coat and shoes on and writing and recognising their name.



We are lucky to enjoy two bank holidays in May 😊

Monday 5th May 2025 and Monday 26th May 2025

Little Beans is closed on these days.

Enjoy these long weekends spent together!



THIS MONTH'S THEME IS 'AMAZING ANIMALS'!

Our Pedagogical Approach to learning about 'Amazing Animals'

Communication and Language Development- During their play and group time, children will learn how to add more detail to their sentences by being asked 'why' questions and being encouraged to ask these also. This will also encourage children to organise their play.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development- Children will be learning about 'Relationships'. We will be talking about our families and friends. We will be discussing how to treat our friends, what happens when we feel upset and what makes a good relationship.

Physical Development- During their play and group time, the children will continue to become secure in their independence skills such as putting their own shoes and coats on. Children will also use tools for fine motor skills more accurately such as scissors.

Literacy - Children will continue to develop their phonological awareness through hearing initial sounds in words. Mark making and name writing will also be a focus to prepare our older children for reception.

Maths- In Maths, our focus number is five and the children will link this to their prior learning of 1, 2, 3 and 4. We will begin the concept of time through days of the week and sequencing daily events. Capacity will also be explored through continuous provision.

Expressive Arts and Design- Children will explore the texture of clay and explore adding marks to it by adding animal footprint tracks.

Understanding the World- Children will observe a world map, discuss where animals live and compare climates. We will also learn how to care for domestic pets and how to meet their needs.



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Little Beans Celebrates!

Events in May 2025

5th – 11th May 2025: Screen Free Week:

Annual event to encourage us to unplug from digital entertainment and spend all that free time playing, reading, daydreaming, creating, exploring, and connecting with family and friends! At Little Beans we will be using books and stories to fund facts, and making up our own roleplays and putting on performances for each other.

4th May 2025: World Laughter Day: (we will celebrate on Monday 5th May)

The celebration of World Laughter Day is a positive manifestation for World Peace and it builds up a global consciousness of brotherhood and friendship through laughter. We will be doing all that we can to make each other laugh and smile on this day and remember the importance of being kind!

16th May 2025 REDs 4 VEDS

REDS4VEDS is a global campaign which takes place on the third Friday of May each year. The aim of the campaign is to help raise the profile of Vascular Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome (Vascular EDS), a rare life-limiting genetic disorder. We will be fundraising – please wear Red and bring a donation if you can!

18th May 2025 National Children's Day: (we will celebrate it on Monday 19th May)

National Children's Day UK is all about the importance of a healthy childhood and protecting the rights and freedoms of children so that they can grow into happy, healthy adults. At Little Beans we will be talking about rights and individual liberty and exploring how we are all unique!

19th – 23rd May 2025: Walk to School Week!

Little Beans will be encouraging all that can to walk to nursery this week, we will also be talking about other ways we can help our planet!

20th May 2025: World Bee Day:

The purpose of World Bee Day is to raise awareness of the importance of pollinators, at Little Beans we will be exploring how we can help our bees!

21st May 2025 National Numeracy Day:

At Little Beans we will be discovering how numbers are everywhere and how important they are in our lives.

23rd May 2025: World Turtle Day!

The aim of World Turtle Day is to bring attention to, and increase knowledge of and respect for, turtles and tortoises, and encourage human action to help them survive and thrive.



24th May 2025: Elmer Day!

A celebration of reading, of elephants and of accepting yourself and others, just like Elmer the Patchwork Elephant, star of the Elmer books by David McKee.



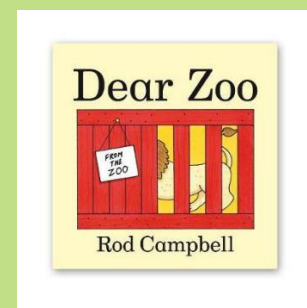
CORE BOOKS

----- Happy reading

This month, our theme is 'Amazing Animals' and the children will focus on: recognising and naming animals; where in the world they are from; pets and how to care for them.

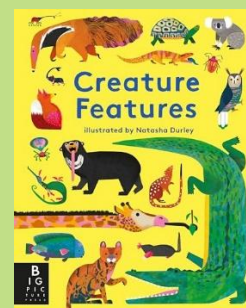
Our key fiction text is: Dear Zoo by Rod Campbell.

A child writes to the zoo for a pet. The zoo send a series of unsuitable pets, revealed behind flaps in the form of crates and packing cases. These animals are all sent back for different reasons, except the last one, which is perfect! Dear Zoo is twenty-five years old -- and still as popular as ever!



Our key non-fiction text is: Creature Features by Natasha Durley.

From enormous ears to humongous horns, and from elephants to earwigs, this eclectic collection of animals celebrates the diversity of the animal kingdom.



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Little Bean's Recipe of the Month

Tuna Fishcakes

INGREDIENTS

- 2 medium flouy potatoes, peeled and quartered
- large knob of unsalted butter
- 1½ tbsp mayonnaise
- 1 unwaxed finely lemon grated zest only
- 3 spring onions thinly sliced
- 150g tin of tuna, drained
- 2 slices bread
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- Plain flour
- sea salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 200g of Rice or Noodles

Top Tip:

To freeze the fishcakes, once shaped, wrap them individually in cling film and freeze for up to 3 months. Defrost in the fridge, then cook for an extra 5 minutes to make sure the breadcrumb coating gets crispy in the oven.

METHOD

1. Preheat the oven to 200C/180C Fan/Gas 6.
2. Put the potatoes in a saucepan, cover with cold water and bring to the boil. Reduce the heat to a simmer and cook for 15–20 minutes, or until tender.
3. Drain the potatoes and return them to the pan with the butter, mayonnaise, lemon zest, spring onions, salt and a generous amount of black pepper. Mash together until smooth. Stir in the tuna and set aside.
4. Put the bread in a food processor and pulse until it crumbs. Put the egg, flour and breadcrumbs into three separate shallow bowls.
5. Shape the tuna mixture into six fishcakes. Coat each first in flour, then in egg, then in breadcrumbs. (You can use one hand for the flour and breadcrumbs and another for the egg, to keep your fingers clean.)
6. Place on a baking tray and bake for 15 minutes, or until the breadcrumbs are just golden. Serve

TERM DATES FOR TERM TIME ONLY (TTO) CHILDREN:	TERM DATES FOR ALL YEAR ROUND (AYR) CHILDREN:	Bank Holidays (nursery closed)
Summer term	Academic year	
Term 1 – Monday 21st April 2025 – Friday 23rd May 2025	Monday 2nd September 2024 – Friday 29th August 2025	Monday 5th May 2025
Half term – Monday 26th May 2025 – Friday 30th May 2025	Summer Term	Monday 26th May 2025
Term 2 – Monday 2nd June 2025 – Friday 18th July 2025	31st March 2025 – 29th August 2025 (22 weeks)	Monday 25th August 2025
Summer Holidays – Monday 21st July 2025 – Friday 29th August 2025	Academic year	Thursday 25th December 2025
Autumn Term	Monday 1st Sept 2025-Friday 28th Aug 2026	Friday 26th December 2025
Term 1 – Monday 1st September 2025 – Friday 24th October 2025	Autumn term 1st September 2025 – Friday 19th December 2025 (16 weeks)	Closed for Christmas! 😊
Half term – Monday 27th October 2025 – Friday 31st October 2025	Spring Term 22nd December 2025 - January 2026 – 28th March 2026 (13 weeks)	Wednesday 24th December 2025 – Tuesday 31st December 2025 inclusive and Monday 1st January 2026 (Bank holiday closed)
Term 2 – Monday 3rd November 2025 – Friday 12th December 2025	Summer Term 31st March 2026 – 29th August 2026 (22 weeks)	Re-open on the Friday 2nd January 2026



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Housekeeping!

Environmental Health

On 16th April 2025 we had our environmental health inspection. We are very proud to announce that we received a '5-very good' food hygiene rating!

Summer Clothing

Just a reminder that as the better weather approaches please could you make sure your child has all of the following items every day and that these are labelled:

- Full change of clothes
- Sunhat
- Jumper
- Lightweight waterproof
- coat (just in case)
- wellies

Could you also make sure that all T-shirts and dresses have a sleeve, so shoulders are covered please.

Water Bottles

All children are required to bring a water bottle with them. A sports bottle is best as the children find them easier to drink out of. This is so that they are able to access a drink whenever they want one in addition to the milk and water we offer at all meal/snack times. We will fill the bottle with fresh drinking water throughout the day. The bottle should be labelled with your child's name. Please ensure this is taken home and washed at the end of the day.

Sunscreen

Please can you make sure that you pack a labelled bottle or tube of Sunscreen SPF50+ in your child's bag. Please be aware that some Nivea suncreams can contain almond oil, and so, we asking you not to use this brand on your child whilst they attend nursery.

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



Thank you – Little Beans Team Weymouth

May 2025 – we will be singing.....

Planting Flowers *(Sung to: Fere Jacques)*

Planting flowers, planting
flowers, *(pretend to plant flowers
into the ground)*

In the ground, in the ground,
Water them and they will
grow, *(pretend to water plants
with a watering can)*

Water them and they will grow,
All around, all around.



Five Flowers Tall

Sung to: Five Little Ducks)

Five flowers tall in the flower
shop, *(hold up hand with five
fingers standing tall)*

Blooming brightly, with the
petals at the top.

Along came _____ *(name a
child)* with a pennie one day,
Bought a _____ *(child names
a colour)* flower and took it
away. *(put one finger down)*



Bright Sun

*(sung to "Row, Row, Row Your
Boat")*

Bright sun shining down,
Shining on the ground,
What a lovely face you have,
Yellow, big and round.

