



Message from the Management Team

Welcome to our new families that have joined Pepperberry this month. May has been a super busy month with lots of trips and fabulous activities. We started off the month with our planting session where we invited parents/carers to join us planting seeds and plants in our mini allotment and in little pots. Many thanks to all who joined us, the seeds and plants are growing nicely.

Many thanks to all of you who brought in cards for their teachers for teacher appreciation day, what a thoughtful thing to do. The staff very much appreciated your kind thoughts.

Preschool 1 have had their visit to Pizza Express in Wilmslow. We thank the team at Pizza Express for their time and effort in opening the restaurant early in the day for our little ones to make their own pizzas and experience making pizza dough, rolling it out and choosing what to put on their very own pizza to take home.

Baby Peppers, Tiny Peppers and Sweet Peppers have all had a trip to Wilmslow library. They have been looking at and exploring different books and sharing stories.

Chilli Peppers have had a trip to Carrs Park in Wilmslow, exploring the world around them. They have also visited the library looking for different books and choosing some to bring back to nursery.

Preschool 1 & 2 have had their annual trip on a bus. This year they went to visit Manchester University Museum. They looked at the dinosaurs, fossils, different animals from around the world and the living creatures. The children had a fabulous day exploring the many exciting areas within the museum.

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**Introducing a Member of our Team -
Linda Gillian - Bank Staff**



Hi my name is Linda Gillian and I live in a lovely new bungalow with my partner Tony. We have a large garden which I enjoy looking after. Just up the road is a big playing field where I walk my dog, Sam, which I really enjoy. He is such a little cutie and loves his treats. I drive to work each day to work at Pepperberrys as a lunchtime assistant, and I really enjoy my job. Working with the children and seeing all their happy faces gives me such pleasure. I have four grandchildren of my own. My hobbies & interests include: Garden Centres & Plants, all animals especially dogs, shopping trips, films/movies and spending time with family.

Important Messages and Key Dates for Diary

Preschool 2 Trip to Pizza Express – Tuesday 4th June at 9:30am

Eid-al-fitr – Tuesday 4th June

Chilli Peppers Trip to Reddish Vale – Wednesday 5th June

Sweet Peppers Trip to Wheelock Farm – Wednesday 12th June

Father's Day – Sunday 16th June (we will do activities w/c 10th June)

Oliver Dunn Chocolatier – Father's Day chocolate with Chilli Peppers Friday 15th June

Individual & School Leaver Group Photographs – Thursday 20th & Monday 24th June

Summer Fair – Saturday 22nd June

Parents Assembly for Preschool 1 & 2 – Friday 28th June at 2pm

Recipe of the Month: Chef Matthew's Jam Tarts



Brought to you by
our very own Chef
Matthew

Ingredients:

- 350g plain flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 3 teaspoons caster sugar
- 175g unsalted butter
- 120ml chilled water
- 24 dessert spoons of jam

Instructions:

1. Preheat oven at 180 degrees Celsius
2. Add flour, salt, sugar and butter into a bowl and mix until coarse crumbs are formed
3. Add the water very gradually and continue to blend until a ball is formed and chill the pastry for 30 minutes
4. Roll out the pastry on a floured surface until it is thin and cut out rounds with a cutter, placing them into the tart tin
5. Bake for 10 minutes
6. Spoon a dessert spoon of jam into each one and bake for a further 10 minutes

Baby Peppers This month in Baby Peppers we have been focusing on our book of the month the very hungry caterpillar and our song of the month '5 Little ducks'. The children have been exploring different materials in the tuff tray with the 5 little ducks. They explored shaving foam and made marks with their hands and fingers. We have also been looking for ducks hiding in the shredded paper they used their whole bodies to explore and find the ducks. We also created a caterpillar exploring materials we used gluing and green and red tissue paper sticking onto paper plates. We have also been exploring the outdoor area having lots of fun playing in sand digging using the spades and placing the sand into the buckets. Next month our book of the month is 'That's not my lamb' and our rhyme is 'old mcdonald had a farm'.

Tiny Peppers

This month Tiny Peppers have been focusing on our book of the month which was 'Busy Railway' and our song of the month which was 'I'm driving in my car'. We have been making lots of marks with cars and trains with messy play. The children have been exploring their senses with paints and dry pasta. We had some trips to look at the trains at the train station and other transport. The children have learned new words such as 'choo choo' and 'train'. We have been enjoying the weather in the garden and played with the new slide and focused on our physical development. Next month our book of the month will be 'rainbow fish' and our new rhythm of the month will be 'I had a Tiny Turtle'.

Sweet Peppers

This month Sweet Peppers have been watering the plants in the garden and we also planted some seeds. We have also been baking with chef Matthew and we made jam tarts. Sweet Peppers have also been enjoying outdoor play in the sunshine, we have had lots of water play and we have enjoyed splashing in the water and getting wet. Sweet Peppers have enjoyed decorating Elmer using different colored crafts and materials. We have also enjoyed making sharks for our song of the month which has been baby shark. We went for a play at the Carrs park and the children enjoyed exploring the swings, slides and roundabouts. Next month we will be looking at the storybook I love my dad.

Chilli Peppers

This month Chilli Peppers have been looking at the theme of Space and reading Aliens Love Underpants! We have made our own solar system by making planets and space rockets. Chilli Peppers even made their own funny underpants with different patterns and colours. We have made jam tarts with Chef Matthew. Chilli Peppers have enjoyed exploring their space themed role play area and made their own large space ship using a cardboard box! We went on a lovely to the park and the library in the sunny weather, the children enjoyed the swings, slide and looking at all of the lovely books.

Grand Peppers (Preschool 1)

Our topic this month has been dinosaurs and our book has been 'the dinosaur that pooped the bed'. The children have been exploring dinosaurs in many ways through messy play and making fossils. We even took a trip to Manchester museum where we got to see Stan the dinosaur. It was a lovely day out on the coach and even seen some animals, reptiles and planets. After the trip we had a lovely picnic outside the museum. We have also been on some over lovely trips this month such as the library and pizza express! The children really seemed to enjoy making their own pizza to take home for tea! Next month we will be looking at "under the sea" and the "rainbow fish".

Preschool 2 Peppers

May has been fantastic, we started it off with some amazing planting with our parents and grandparents which was a lot of fun, the children really enjoyed showing you the room and playing in the tuff spot with you. We also a great trip to the Manchester museum where we explored animals and dinosaurs, seeing a dinosaur come to life through an app. This tied in nicely to our dinosaur topic at nursery, we have looked at different dinosaurs and how tall/short/heavy/light they are while reading our book of the month: dinosaur days. The children have labelled dinosaurs, made dinosaur fossils, written 'd' for dinosaurs and practiced our cutting skills while we cut out leaves to feed the herbivores. We have also had another successful assembly with children showing off their work and singing some of our beautiful songs. We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the children for our gifts and cards on teacher appreciation day as well. This month we are looking at life under the sea and will be reading Jolly Olly Octopus as our book of the month. Our sound of the month is 'p' and our number of the month is 6.

Preschool 1 & 2 Trip to Manchester Museum



Preschool 1 Trip to Pizza Express



Policy of the Month: Visit & Outings Policy

As part of our curriculum the children are taken for walks, visits etc off the premises and permission will be sought for your child to be included in such outings. We at Pepperberry actively encourage the children to take an interest in their environment (i.e) wild bird spotting, squirrel and hedgehog watch etc. The children will also be taken on visits to the local railway station with talks about how many trains they can see, where they are going. The children will also take part on local nature walks which will be organised trails with professional guidance.

A staff member shall inform you in advance of any visits or outings involving the transportation of children away from the nursery.

When taking a child on such a trip, outing or special event, the nursery will:

1. Secure individual written consent slips signed by a parent.
2. Advise parents of the time and place the visit will take place.
3. Advise parents on the equipment needed for the trip i.e. coats, rucksack, packed lunch etc.
4. The ratio for staff to children depends on the age group and will be advised at the time.
5. A risk assessment and outings form will be completed.
6. Plan a route.

The staff members will:-

1. Divide the children into small groups.
2. Take a register with them
3. Take a first aid kit
4. Take contact numbers for children and staff.
5. Anything else that is deemed necessary for the comfort of the trip.
6. Staff members will contact the nursery on arrival and just before departure.
7. The register will be taken before setting off, on arrival, half way through the visit, before departure and again on arrival back at the nursery.
8. Take the nursery mobile phone
9. Take the EYlog tablets to observe and record the trip



Photos