

Message from the Management Team

Welcome to our July newsletter. We have had a very busy month in July particularly with the lovely activities both in nursery and at home with the continued home learning packs that are sent out weekly.

Firstly, we would like to take this opportunity to say a very big thank you to all our parents for the amazing support given to our staff team and nursery over the past few months, the world is a very different place for our little ones but we feel that we are providing a safe, secure, fun and stimulating environment for each of our children.

During July we have welcomed six new members of staff to our team: Rayna – Early Years Practitioner Tiny Peppers – qualified Level 3 practitioner, Emma – Early Years Practitioner Sweet Peppers – qualified Level 6, Stacey – Early Years Practitioner – Level 3 Tiny Peppers, Samantha – Early Years Practitioner Sweet Years – qualified Level 3, Alison – Nursery Chef and Emily – Lunchtime Assistant. All our new staff members have lots of experience in working within the Early Years.

On Saturday 1st August we will celebrate Preschool Graduation. Children and their families have been invited in bubbles to celebrate their little one's graduation. The children will dress in their graduation gowns and have professional photos taken. With some of our Preschool children already left for school in September we would like to take this opportunity to wish you all the best and you will all be missed.

As you know your little ones are all in their coloured bubble whilst in nursery, each of these bubbles has been reduced again to ensure that our little ones remain in small groups maintaining the social distancing that is important to all at this time. This is both indoors and outdoors and follows the government and Cheshire East Early Years guidelines.

We have been celebrating American Independence Day where the children created their own American flags. We have also celebrated Eid-Al-Adha where the children made cards and lanterns. Each of the rooms have been focusing on different books, topics and individual room celebrations. We have had a mix of weather throughout July therefore outdoor play covering hot sunny days and rainy days. On all occasions the children have had so much fun experiencing different activities.

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Introducing a Member of our Team - Emma Robinson - Early Years Practitioner - Sweet Peppers



My name is Emma Robinson, I am an Early Years Practitioner in Sweet Peppers.

I am Level 6 qualified and I have studied Early Years and Childhood Studies at Manchester Metropolitan University. I have recently moved to Wilmslow. In my spare time I like meeting up with family and friends and going for coffee and cake.

Important Messages and Key Dates for Diary

- Muharram- Islamic New Year - Friday 28th August
- Bank Holiday – Monday 31st August (Nursery Closed)
- Please ensure that you bring a small bag for your little one into nursery with a change of clothes. These must be washed at the end of each day before coming back into nursery.
- Please bring a coat to nursery on rainy days as we have very few spares within the nursery.
- Please bring a sun hat to nursery on sunny days as we have very few spares within the nursery.

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Recipe of the Month: Rainbow Couscous

Ingredients:

100g couscous (cooked)
1 tbsp chopped red peppers
1 tbsp chopped cucumber
1 tbsp sweetcorn
2 cherry tomatoes
2 dried apricots
6 grapes sliced in half
1 tsp chopped coriander
Cinnamon or paprika to flavour

Instructions:

Place some of the cooked couscous in the bottom of a small cup. If using dry couscous, place the dry couscous in the small cup and ask a grown up to pour over boiled water, then place it to one side for few minutes until you prepare the vegetables.
Using a knife chop the vegetables into tiny pieces
Spoon each type of chopped vegetable or fruit chopped over this so that you can see the layers
Add few sprinkles of chopped coriander
Optionally you could add some cinnamon powder and paprika for a bit of flavour

Baby Peppers

This month baby peppers theme of the month is under the sea. The children made their own fishes exploring different materials and textures. We used a variety of coloured paint and paint brushes to make different marks. The children practiced grasping hold onto the paint brush to create different marks and got very messy using their hands and fingers to. We have also been playing outside lots this month developing our physical development using the walkers to practice walking. The babies also have enjoyed exploring our sensory fish water mat showing high interest patting the water with their hands to move the fish inside. Baby peppers have also been practicing actions to nursery rhymes and moving our bodies to music. We have also been busy building tall towers with the stacking cups and knocking them down.

Tiny Peppers

We have had great month in Tiny Peppers!! We have had so much fun with our topics. Tiny Peppers especially loved 'Za Za Baby Brother' for our book of the week. We loved painting our hands and feet in the shape of Zebras. To add on to the book we did the topic of siblings. We had a fantastic baby washing tuff tray and enjoyed getting water everywhere. One of our rhymes is 'I can sing a rainbow'. We had lots of fun using different sensory materials to make our huge Rainbow for the display. We also painted our hands in the colour of the rainbow and Tiny Peppers loved it. We also loved joining in with the sign Language actions when singing the song. We have had a great month and looking forward to the next month of fun!!

Sweet Peppers

First of all, welcome back to everyone and to the new children who have moved up. In Sweet Peppers this month we have been having lots of water play fun with the bubbles. We have also enjoyed colouring in animals for our display and looking at the different sounds they made. Sweet Peppers have also enjoyed singing the song of the month at circle time which is old mcdonald. We have also looked at individual animal tuff trays. Our topic of the month has been sounds and we have been using different types of instruments to look at the different sounds they made. It has been lovely having everyone back to nursery. We have also been doing lots of music and movement to the tumble tots cd.

Chilli Peppers

This month Chilli Peppers have been looking at the topic of People who help us. We have had a new story book each week exploring different professionals such as doctors, police, and fire fighters. The children have explored the role play area and acted out their experiences at the doctors and dentists. We have also made our own professionals using diversity paper cut outs and different media materials. We have focussed on the letter A, the children have written the letter in sand, salt and flour using their fingers and sticks, as well as exploring the jolly phonics sound and movement during each circle time. In august we will be looking at the topic dinosaurs.

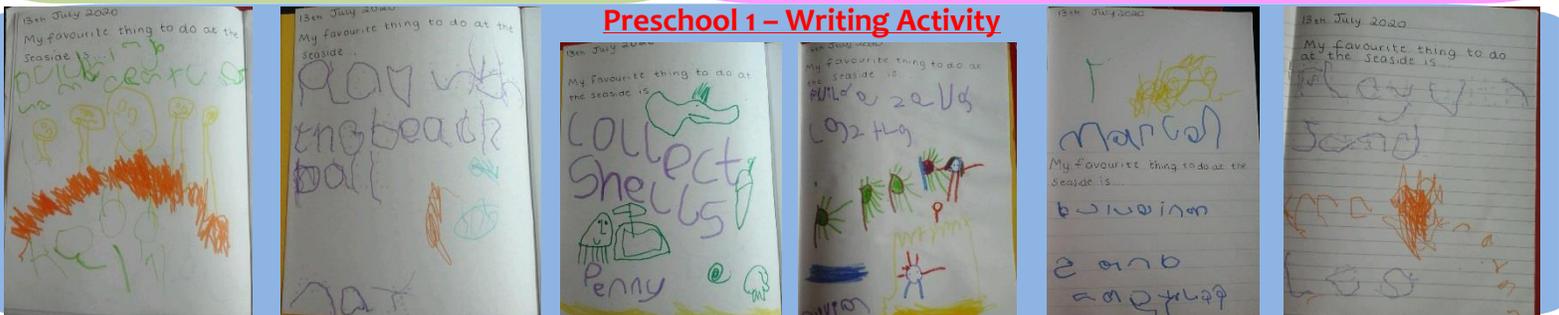
Grand Peppers (Preschool 1)

This month in Pre school1, the children have been exploring Holidays! We started off the month with 'What the ladybird heard on holiday!' This encouraged conversation about going to the zoo and the children did a great job at writing about their favorite animals! They also painted their own representations of a ladybird and a nice yummy leaf for them to eat! We then focused on going camping and our next book of the week was called 'Maisy goes camping!' We enjoyed making dens in the garden and playing the guitar! Our last book we focused on about holidays was 'Winnie at the seaside!' We enjoyed pretending we were at a beach and played with the sand and water! We also did some more work in our busy books about what our favourite thing to do at the beach is with lots of lovely drawings! Thankyou for the lovely holiday trips that you have been sending in through EYlog! They have been great to share at circle time! We are focusing on Going to school and Pre-school next!

Preschool 2 Peppers

This month we have been super busy! We began the month looking at holidays and trips away and explored the stories 'Maisy Goes Camping' and 'Dinosaurs Day Out', the children talked about their own holiday experiences and what different places they would like to travel. We also had lots of fun playing on the guitar and experimenting with different ways of changing the sounds of the strings. Then we moved on to looking at starting big school, we have read 'Billy and the Big New School' and 'Little Hedgehogs big day!' We made lovely little hedgehogs and discussed what big school might be like. The children all discussed their feelings and what they are excited or worried about when going to big school. The children copied Billy in the book and made a little cover for their favorite stories and wrote why they like them inside. This month we have celebrated world friendship day, American Independence Day, and Eid Al Adha with card making, decorating lanterns and exploring the different flags. We are of course looking forward to the Graduation Ceremony and will be continuing to learn about big school over the next month.

Preschool 1 – Writing Activity



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Exciting July Activities



Policy of the month: Sun care Policy

At Pepperberry Day Nursery we are committed to ensuring that all children are fully protected from the dangers of too much sun/UV rays. Severe sunburn in childhood can lead to the development of malignant melanoma (the most dangerous type of skin cancer) in later life. We follow guidance from the weather and UV level reports and use the following procedures to keep children safe and healthy in the sun:

- Key persons will work with the parents of their key children to decide and agree on suitable precautions to protect children from burning, including those with more sensitive skin types and those that may be more tolerant to the sunshine, e.g. black and/or Asian colouring
- Children must have a clearly labelled sun hat which will be worn at all times whilst outside in sunny weather. This hat will preferably be of legionnaires design (i.e. with an extended back and side to shield children's neck and ears from the sun) to provide additional protection
- Children must have their own labelled high factor sun cream with prior written consent for staff to apply. This enables children to have sun cream suitable for their own individual needs. Staff must be aware of the expiry date and discard sunscreen after this date
- Parents are requested to supply light-weight cotton clothing for their children suitable for the sun, with long sleeves and long legs
- Children's safety and welfare in hot weather is the nursery's prime objective so staff will work closely with parents to ensure all appropriate cream and clothing is provided
- Staff will make day-to-day decisions about the length of time spent outside depending on the strength of the sun; children will not be allowed in the direct sunlight between 11.00am – 3.00pm on hot days
- Children will always have sun cream applied before going outside in the hot weather and at frequent intervals during the day
- Children are encouraged to drink cooled water more frequently throughout sunny or warm days and this will be accessible both indoors and out
- Children are made aware of the need for sun hats, sun cream and the need to drink more fluids during their time in the sun
- Shade will be provided to ensure children are able to still go out in hot weather, cool down or escape the sun should they wish or need to.

Vitamin D
Sunlight is important for the body to receive vitamin D. We need vitamin D to help the body absorb calcium and phosphate from our diet. These minerals are important for healthy bones, teeth and muscles.



Photos

