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# Pepperberry Day Nursery Monthly Newsletter

June 2020

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#### Message from the Management Team

Welcome to our June newsletter. We have had a very busy month in June 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.

We continue to promote our staff team with regular zoom meetings where we can all join together to extend our experience, share ideas and support each other in our new norm as we call it. Our staff will all return back into the nursery from 1<sup>st</sup> July and continue to provide the outstanding childcare you our children and families.

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 Father's Day in the nursery by making cards for our Daddy's and reading stories about our families. Each of the rooms have been focusing on different books, topics and individual room celebrations. We have had a mix of weather throughout June therefore outdoor play covering hot sunny days and rainy days. The children have been having picnics, ice lollies and lots of water play on the hotter days and rainy day activities when the weather was more challenging. On all occasions the children have had so much fun experiencing different activities.

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<u>Introducing a Member of our Team -</u>
<u>Emma Roberts - Early Years Practitioner -</u>
<u>Chilli Peppers</u>



My name is Emma Roberts, I am an Early Years Practitioner in Chilli Peppers.

I am 19 and have recently moved to Knutsford. I have completed my level 2 in Early Years Apprenticeship qualification. I enjoy doing this job as I love to see young children's development throughout the years.

# Important Messages and Key Dates for Diary

- 4<sup>th</sup> July we shall be celebrating American Independence Day
- 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.

# Brought to you by Chef Stacey Pepper 1991

#### Recipe of the Month: Cheese Muffins

Ingredients:
190g Self Raising Flour
2 tsp Baking Powder
200g Grated Cheese
120 mls Milk
120 mils Natural Yoghurt
60g Melted Butter
Paprika and Pepper to taste

#### Instructions:

Add dry ingredients to a bowl.

Add grated cheese, milk, yoghurt and melted butter.

Mix well together and divide into paper cases in the muffin tray.

Cook in the preheated oven 180 degrees for 25 minutes.

Baby Peppers. This month baby peppers theme has been transport and our rhyme of the month is the wheels on the bus. Our book of the month is '123 go' We have been doing lots dancing and singing to transport songs learning the different action. We have also been exploring paint and making different tracks with the cars the babies used their senses to explore the paint. We have also had lots fun in the sunshine playing on our sensory water mat feeling the water and looking at the fishes. We have also been eating lots of yummy ice lollies to cool down in the hot weather. Next month our rhyme of the month is once I caught a fish alive. Our book of the month is Sea touch and feel and our topic is under the sea.

#### Tiny Peppers

We have a great month back in Tiny Peppers! Every week we have changed our topic to fit in with the children's interest's. For our first week we talked about on the farm. Tiny Peppers enjoyed listening to all the animal sounds and enjoyed decorating farm animals. For our second week we did Tiny Turtle! The boys and girls enjoyed making our turtles and loved making bubbles with Foam paint! They also had a lot of fun playing with our turtle toys in tuff trays. We also enjoyed doing our on the beach display which also had great weather to go along with the topic! Tiny peppers loved playing with the water outside and were so excited to play on our water mat! We also made a Pepperberry Family board which the boys and girls loved getting messy for! We hope you've been enjoying seeing the great things the children have been doing!

#### Sweet Peppers

In sweet peppers this month we have made Father's Day cards using paint and different coloured card. We have also done cars, numbers and shapes in messy play. The children have also enjoyed fruit printing using different fruits such as apples, pears and bananas. We have also had lots of fun outside on the decking area and also in the big garden. Sweet peppers have also enjoyed reading the hungry caterpillar at circle time and making their own caterpillars using red and green paint. They also used different types of cars to make marks on to paper using different coloured paint observing the marks that we make.

#### Chilli Peppers

This month in Chilli Peppers, the children have been exploring the theme of The Ocean. We started off the month by looking at the stories The Rainbow Fish and Tiddler. The children used paint, glitter, feathers and tissue paper to make their very own Rainbow Fish and we talked about how the Rainbow Fish has 'shiny' scales. The children practised writing words that linked to our theme, such as 'wave', 'blue' and 'ocean'. We talked about the animals that live in the ocean and the children created their own crabs using paper bowls, paint, glitter and card. The children have engaged with lots of ocean themed water play this month.

We have also been looking at different patterns and textures. The children had their own trays of shaving foam and paint. They used different objects to dip into the tray and press printed and rolled the objects onto paper to create different patterns and textures.

We hope you all had a wonderful Father's Day! The children practised really hard with the writing in their cards for their Daddy's.

#### Grand Peppers (Preschool 1)

This month in Pre school1, the children have been exploring Julia Donaldson books. We started off the month with The Gruffalo! The children used paper cups and paper plates to make representations of the Gruffalo, the fox and the owl. They made a paperchain snake and used toilet roll holders to make the big bad mouse! We have continued to practice sign language and used the animal signs when listening to our story! We then looked at Zog where the children made their own fire breathing dragon, built a castle, pretended to be doctors and made a crown fit for a prince and princess! We then took a journey to the jungle and followed monkey puzzle. We sang songs about some cheeky monkeys and used our hands to paint butterflies! Our last Julia Donaldson book that we looked at was The snail and the whale, where the children explored lots of under the sea water play and used different resources to paint a snail and whale and a sail boat. We hope you all had a fantastic Father's day! We are sure you liked the handmade cards. The children practiced really hard with their writing!

#### Preschool 2 Peppers

This month we have been looking at the Gruffalo story. The children have made models of the Gruffalo and labelled the animals from the story and created repeating patterns on snakes. We continued with Julia Donaldson for the month, reading Zog. Monkey Puzzle and Snail and the Whale. The children have practiced BSL on each story and whilst learning about Zog we explored moving and balancing in different ways. Monkey puzzle had lots of animals that the children liked and they made some symmetrical butterflies by drawing, matching pictures or sticking matching feather on both sides. Finally we read the Snail and the Whale and made some snail shells and slimy trails using glue, glitter and chalks. The children loved that the snail travelled so we shall focus on trips/holidays starting with Dinosaurs Day out. We have been celebrating many different events and awareness weeks. We began the month with child safety week discussing staying safe on the road, in the sun and keeping away from strangers. We followed this with world oceans day talking about how to look after the ocean.









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Policy of the month: Immunisation Policy

At Pepperberry Day Nursery we expect that children are vaccinated in accordance with the government's health policy and their age. We ask that parents inform us if their children are not vaccinated so that we can manage any risks to their own child or other children/staff/parents in the best way possible. The nursery manager must be aware of any children who are not vaccinated within the nursery in accordance with their age.

We make all parents aware that some children in the nursery may not be vaccinated, due to their age, medical reasons or parental choice. Our nursery does not discriminate against children who have not received their immunisations and will not disclose individual details to other parents. However, we will share the risks of infection if children have not had immunisations and ask parents to sign a disclaimer.

We record, or encourage parents to record, information about immunisations on children's registration documents and we update this information as and when necessary, including when the child reaches the age for the appropriate immunisations.

When children have any immunisation we operate a 24 hour exclusion period from nursery this is to ensure that the child is not in nursery if they show signs of a reaction to the immunisation. See also Medication Policy.

#### Staff vaccinations policy

It is the responsibility of all staff to ensure they keep up-to-date with their vaccinations, as recommended by the NHS vaccination schedule and keep the nursery informed.

If a member of staff is unsure as to whether they are up-to-date, then we recommend that they visit their GP or practice nurse for their own good health.















