



A Message from the Management Team

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2023. We have had a super busy month with lots of exciting activities whilst making the most of the snowy days too. After a lovely festive period, our little ones were happy to return to nursery in the New Year. I would like to extend a very warm welcome to our new families who have started with us in January. I am sure that you and your little ones will have a fabulous time here at Pepperberry with us.

Our charity donation for January was Bare Necessities. This is a local charity based on encouraging local people to donate toiletries and hygiene essentials to local businesses like ourselves. Once they are collected the items are distributed to local organisations and charities whose clients experience financial hardship or poverty. I would like to thank you all for your kind donations. These will help people in our local community.

Throughout the nursery we have celebrated 'Luna New Year', this is also called Chinese New Year. We celebrated with lots of Chinese food tasting and colourful activities. The children have been counting to three in Chinese, singing our 'Ni Hao' 'Wave and Say Hello' song, making a Chinese dragon using a frame and fabric, lanterns, lucky money wallets to name a few activities. What a super 2 weeks in nursery celebrating this exciting festival.

At the end of the month, Preschool 1 and Preschool 2 have had their first Preschool assemblies. Parents, carers, and Grandparents were invited into the nursery to listen to their little one's sing, they showed some of the work that they have been doing and some of the children were even confident enough to talk about their work when holding it up to show to the adults. To celebrate our parent/carer partnership we invited the families to stay and play in their little ones room. It is lovely to see the children engaging with different generations, sharing stories and play within their room.

For National Story Telling Week - It was lovely to see our Preschool children sharing books and stories with their family members during their stay and play. To extend story telling further, we have introduced some new story sacks into the rooms. These give the children props and objects relating to the story books and allow them to retell the story to their friends using the props, matching them to the pictures in the story and to talk about the story. Some of the rooms have been to trips to visit Wilmslow Library, to share stories, choose new books etc.

Each of the rooms have been on trips into the local community this month. They have been to Carrs Park to collect sticks to make 'stickman', linking this to their story of the week. Other rooms have been to the supermarket to buy fruit for fruit tasting activities, they have been to the library and more. The babies have been out in their prams for a walk around Wilmslow.

Our new Nursery Class for this year is 'Tunes for Tots' which is a fun music class, this takes place on a Tuesday afternoon. The lovely Beryl visits each of the rooms with her keyboard, musical instruments and props relating to the many different songs. The carefully planned programme of music and songs changes termly and are linked to seasons, festivals, colours, animals and much more. It is fantastic to welcome Beryl and her Tunes for Tots back into the nursery.

To extend our Parent/carer partnership further, we would like to continue to invite Grandparents and parents into the nursery to share and read stories to our little ones, particularly in Chilli Peppers and our Preschool rooms, where the children are more acceptable of their adults leaving following an activity. By doing so we are aiming to promote Intergenerational practice within our nursery where we bring people from different generations together in activities where people from all ages can learn together and from each other. We feel that it is an important part of lifelong learning. Please let us know if you or a Grandparent in your family is able to spare a little time to come into nursery to share a story with their little ones.

As always we would like to thank our families for their continued support and please see below the important dates and events that are happening next month.

Important Messages and Key Dates for Diary

- Wednesday 1st February- Pre-School Parents Ready Strategy
- Friday 3rd February – National wear Red day
- 6th -10th February – children's mental health week.
- Monday 13th February – safer internet day
- Tuesday 14th February – valentines party tea
- Friday 17th February Maha Shivratri – Nursery Celebrations
- 20th – 24th February Eggsploring chick experience week
- Tuesday 21st February shrove Tuesday
- Tuesday 28th February PS1 & 2 assembly

Introducing Members of our Team -

Lauren Diskin



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My name is Lauren and I joined Pepperberry in December shortly after moving to Manchester from the West of Ireland. I am currently working in the Chilli Peppers alongside the team, I have enjoyed meeting the Chilli Pepper children and their families. I have lots of experience in Early Years and have attained a level 3 award in Childcare. In my spare time I enjoy both playing and watching football (I'm a big United fan!). I also enjoy listening to music, trying my hand at a pub quiz and building Lego. I am looking forward to extending my knowledge here at Pepperberry

Brought to you by our chef
Alison



Recipe of the Month: Carrot cake

Ingredients:

200g peeled carrots
175 soft brown sugar
200g self-raising flour
2 tsp cinnamon
zest of an orange
2 eggs
150ml sun flour oil
18cm square tin
gas mark 4 / 180C

1. Grate the carrots.
2. Add flour, sugar, cinnamon to carrots
3. Mix ingredients all together.
4. Add beaten eggs, Orange zest and oil and mix well.
5. Add to baking tin and cook for 30 mins.

Decorate with cream cheese frosting.

Baby Peppers

This month baby peppers have been looking at the book colours. we enjoyed a different theme each week we concentrated on blue, we looked at different textures sensory objects around us that are blue we also created our own blue fish using potatoes to print the body's and glitter for the fins .

We looked at yellow and enjoyed decorating baby ducks and with this we sang the song 5 little ducks.

We also enjoyed celebrating Chinese New Year and burns night.

Keeping to the colour theme we enjoyed a trip to Sainsbury's where we picked out some exciting green vegetables and fruit to explore and taste. We included a juicy lime that's all enjoyed and some broccoli and peppers.

I next month we are looking at the book ... Guess how much I love you and our song will be if you're happy and you know it.

Tiny peppers

This month we have been learning all about Chinese New Year. Our Tiny Peppers have been creating artwork of traditional Chinese pieces, the children really enjoyed looking at the different colours involved such as red, orange, and yellow. We have also been looking at under the sea, using lots of different resources to create ocean creatures such as jelly fish and star fish. The children have really enjoyed making the sound of a fish, by smacking their lips together to create loud fish sounds.

This month we have reintroduced our care bear who will be going on some trips home with the children we ask that you send in the wonderful pictures to be put into our scrap book that the children will be able to look at in the room.

Next month our theme is love and kindness, please send us in photos and activities you do at home to show all the love and kindness within your family.

Sweet Peppers

This month in January sweet peppers have been looking at seasons and tractor in trouble. The children drew their own tractors using a variety of different colours. We even made sunshine's using tissue paper and glitter. Sweet peppers also made clouds using cotton wool and raindrops using blue paint. We then looked at different types of clothing that keep us warm for example hat, gloves, scarf and coats. Sweet peppers made bunny rabbits using brown paint and black paint.

We have enjoyed exploring Chinese New Year tuff trays, making Chinese lanterns and Chinese food tasting . The children loved tasting noodles, prawn crackers and rice. We even looked at Chinese writing.

Chilli Peppers

This month in Chilli peppers we have been learning about Winter and reading the book Polar bear's surprise. We made our own polar bears by looking at a real-life picture and then designing our own polar bear with paint. We made two big polar bears and decorated it with different materials such as pipe cleaners, tissue paper, sequins, paint, crayons, and glitter. We spoke about the clothing that we need to wear in winter to stay nice and warm. We added hats, scarfs, and gloves into our dress up and practiced putting our own coats on when going outside.

We have also celebrated Chinese New Year where we listened to short story about how some children in the world celebrate this festival. We then made our own Chinese lanterns using different coloured materials such as paint pens, tissue paper and glitter. We practiced make making by tracing over Chinese numbers and letters using different coloured felt tip pens.

Pre - School 1 & 2

Happy new year! To start January off we celebrated the new year by talking about things we would like to do our try this year for our new years resolution! We also painted numbers to make our 2023 calendars!

We also had lots of fun activities about winter! We built a snowman, painted our own representation of a penguin and winter trees too! We also practiced writing our names and putting the letters in order to make a snowman! We also went on a winter walk to collect some sticks at cars park!

We have celebrated Chinese New Year by making a takeaway restaurant in the role play! We tried on animal masks and practiced writing numbers 1-5 in Chinese! We also painted dragons and blossom trees too! We also taste tested, spring rolls, prawn crackers and fortune cookies!

We also welcomed back some of our classes such as mini sports, rugby tots, Spanish, music time with Beryl and stretch and grow! Lastly, we also had our very first assembly of the year! To start off February we are going to be focusing on All about me



Fun in the Snow



Reading time



Trip to the Supermarket



Rhythm time



Strech-n-Grow



Baking fun



Well done!



Preschool 1 & 2

Assembly



Pepperberry Nursery Classes

Thank you to our weekly classes run by external providers.
We have had a wonderful year of fun activities.

Rhythm Time – Baby Peppers and Tiny Peppers (Wednesday pm)
(extracurricular activity)

Stretch and Grow Class – Sweet Peppers and Chilli Peppers (Tuesday am)
(Paid activity)

Mini Sports – Sweet Peppers, Chilli Peppers, Pre-School 1 & Pre-School 2 (Thursday am)
(Paid activity)

Rugby Tots – Chilli Peppers, Pre-School 1 and Pre-School 2 (Friday am)
(Paid activity)

Tunes 4 Tots – all rooms 1:30-3:30pm
(extracurricular activity)

Kids Lingo-Spanish Class – Pre-School 1 and Pre-School 2 (Monday am)
(extracurricular activity)

We are delighted to welcome back the lovely Beryl with her
Exciting Tunes for Tots Music Class.

This will begin on Tuesday 10th January and will run each Tuesday during the afternoon session.

For further details on any of the above classes please contact Jade
at reception.