



PEPPER ROYD DAY NURSERY

PARENT  
INFORMATION  
PACK  
2025

# PRACTICE & PEDAGOGY

AKA Our Teaching Style!

We all want what's best for our children. Through our practice and pedagogy, what's fundamental at Pepper Royd Day Nurseries, is that we're making a positive impact. As we lay the foundations of playful learning to ensure all our children have the best possible start, aiding their future success!

Through a love of learning, your child will come along on the journey, surrounding themselves with adventure, building their excitement & intrigue. Following our six golden threads, our experienced educators will pioneer our curriculum of Curiosity, Connection, Communication, Critical Thinking, Creativity & Comfort (Well-being) .

## The Six C's Of Childcare



Curiosity



Connection



Communication



Critical Thinking



Creativity



Comfort

A photograph of three children playing in a large, dark, muddy puddle. A girl in a pink dress and floral boots is on the left, leaning against a large tree trunk. A girl in a purple t-shirt and grey leggings is on the right, sitting and holding a large piece of wood. A boy in a blue t-shirt is partially visible on the right edge. The background is a lush green forest. The text 'ACTIVE LEARNING' is overlaid in large, bold, black letters.

# ACTIVE LEARNING

# LEARN TO THINK CREATIVELY

Active Learning helps young children develop their problem-solving and critical-thinking skills. Through activities such as building blocks or completing puzzles, children learn to think creatively and come up with solutions to challenges.

## **PROMOTES PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT.**

Children who engage in active play and movement develop their motor skills and coordination. This can be achieved through activities such as dancing, playing catch, or crawling through tunnels.

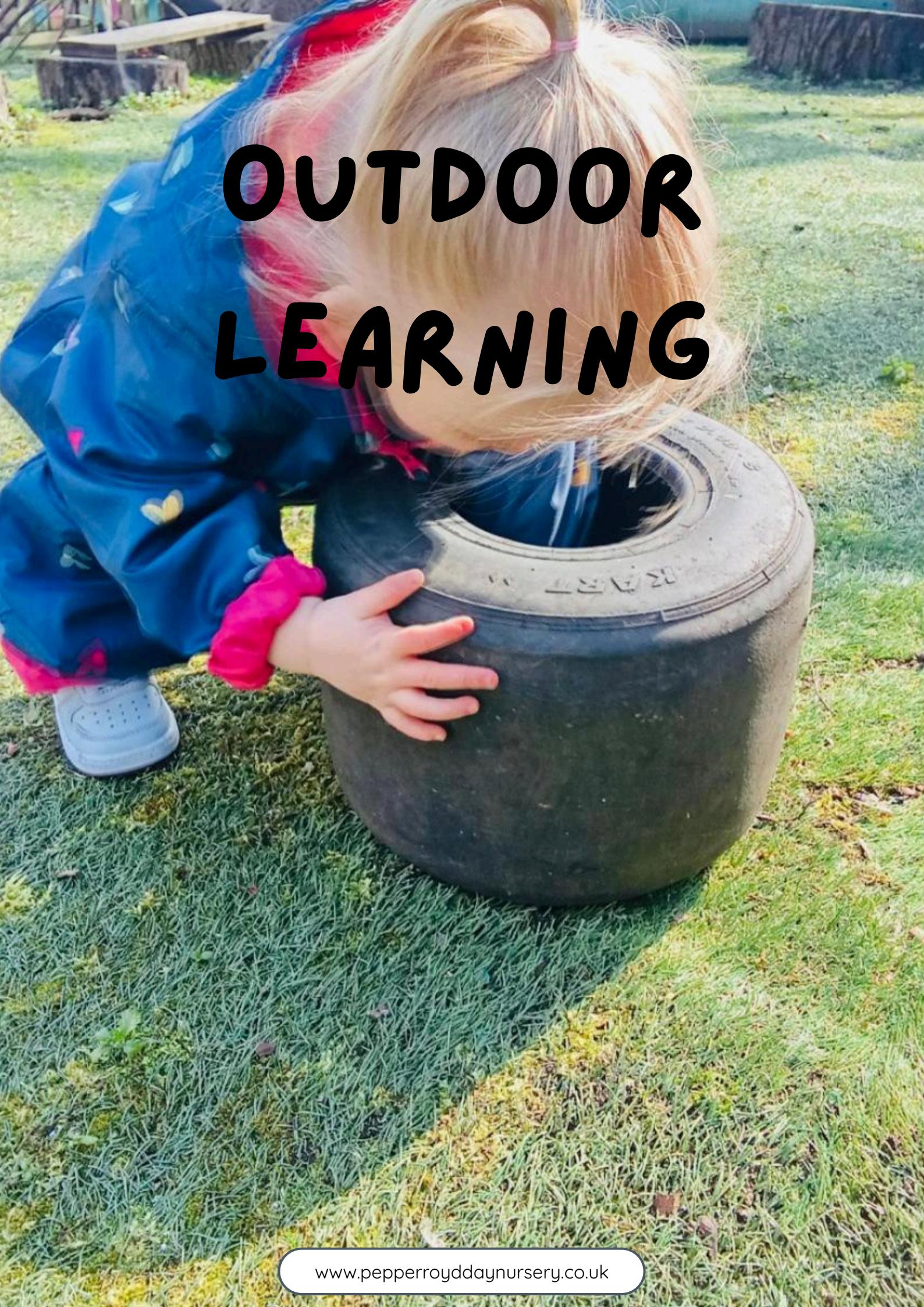
## **DEVELOP SOCIAL SKILLS**

When children engage in group activities, they learn to cooperate, share, and communicate with others. This can be achieved through activities such as playing games or engaging in pretend play.

## **SUPPORT EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Children who engage in activities that they find enjoyable and challenging can develop a sense of accomplishment and self-confidence. This can be achieved through activities such as drawing, painting, or playing with sensory materials.

By engaging in hands-on experiences, children can develop their cognitive, physical, social, and emotional skills, setting them up for success in the future.



# OUTDOOR LEARNING

# IGNITE THEIR CURIOSITY

Our Forest school ethos encapsulates the offering that our children will have regular and ongoing uninterrupted immersion in our natural wild spaces. Allowing our children to develop meaningful relationships with nature, others, and themselves. Every day, your child will have the opportunity to engage all their senses, as they investigate, letting the natural environment ignite their curiosity.

Our qualified forest school leaders will support your child to solve problems, and engage in teamwork, as they play and learn outside.

**AND SO THE ADVENTURE BEGINS.....**



## PROMOTES PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

As children engage in physical activities such as climbing, running, and exploring this helps improve their gross motor skills, coordination, and overall physical health.



## ENCOURAGES CREATIVELY & IMAGINATION

Through activities such as storytelling, nature art, and imaginative play children develop cognitive and creative abilities, as well as emotional and social skills.



## DEVELOPS INDEPENDENCE & RESILIENCE

As they take on challenges and learn to problem-solve in a natural setting this helps to build self-esteem and sense of agency, which are essential for their overall wellbeing.

Being outside in the fresh air offers a unique learning experience that is holistic, child-led and focuses on the individual needs and interests of each child. Creating a positive and nurturing learning environment that supports children's overall development and prepares them for a successful transition into formal education.



# FOOD & HEALTHY CHOICES

# NURTURING GROWING BRAINS & BODIES

Educating children about the importance of healthy eating and wellbeing is an important part of early childhood development. We have a dedicated chef who prepares nutritionally balanced meals each day.

Our chef will also have a key educational role to play by interacting with our children as they learn what's in their food and how to create it themselves.

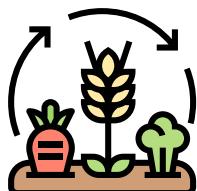
## AVOIDING ULTRA PROCESSED FOOD AND TEACHING CHILDREN HOW TO MAKE HEALTHY CHOICES!



The allotment provides children with the experience of "ground to fork.". These are great real-world learning opportunities for them, as they come to understand how different foods grow, how to harvest them, and prepare them into nutritionally balanced meals. We encourage children of all ages to play an active role in mealtimes. The allotment is a shared learning experience.



All of our meals are made with the child's level of development and balance in mind. Tasty and nourishing, our menus include a diverse range of fruit and vegetables and are light on sugar and unsaturated fats. We avoid Ultra Processed Food as much as possible.



To keep your children satisfied, our meals are frequently rotated – encouraging them to try new flavours and textures – while revisiting their favourites time and time again.

# MENU SAMPLE

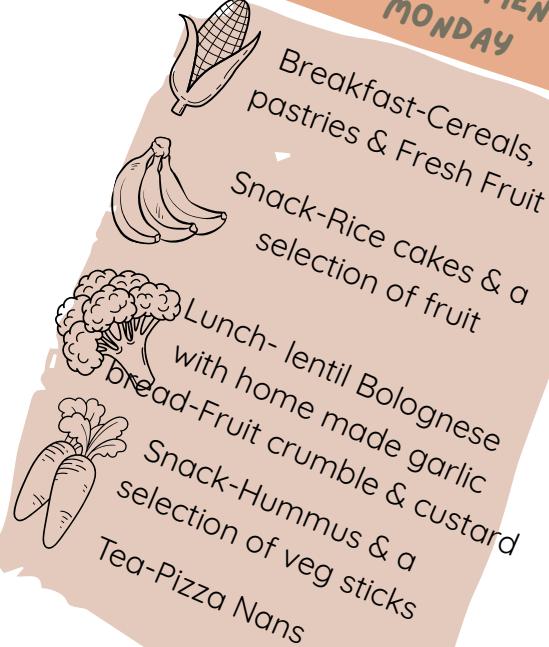
## WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT FROM OUR MENUS?

We serve delicious meals inspired by a variety of different cultures. As a result, our children get to discover an exciting range of tastes, smells and textures. By keeping our menus interesting we aim to teach our children that trying new food is exciting, not scary, and that healthy ingredients can be transformed into something amazing! Our menus rotate on a four-week basis, to ensure your child can enjoy a wide range of high-quality food. We've included a little taster for you to get a feel for what a week in the kitchen looks like on the next page.

### WHAT EVER IS ON THE MENU, THERE WILL ALWAYS BE

- Seasonal fruit and vegetables (some of which is grown in our gardens by the children!)
- Nutritious food that's been freshly prepared onsite
- Delicious, healthy and balanced meals and snacks
- A wide variety of flavours, textures and smells
- Meals and snacks that are low in fat, salt and sugar
- A healthy start to the day every morning.
- Four-week rotating seasonal menus therefore keeping things exciting! Water, milk and a selection of fresh fruit in between meals

### SAMPLE MENU MONDAY



Breakfast-Cereals, pastries & Fresh Fruit

Snack-Rice cakes & a selection of fruit

Lunch- lentil Bolognese with home made garlic bread-Fruit crumble & custard

Snack-Hummus & a selection of veg sticks

Tea-Pizza Nans

# menu

## Monday

Breakfast-Cereals,  
pastries & Fresh Fruit  
Snack-Rice cakes & a  
selection of fruit  
Lunch- lentil Bolognese  
with home made garlic  
bread-Fruit crumble & custard  
Snack-Hummus & a  
selection of veg sticks  
Tea-Pizza Nans



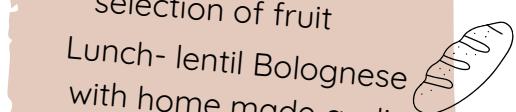
## Thursday

Breakfast-Cereals,  
pastries & Fresh Fruit  
Snack-Waffles & a  
selection of fruit  
Lunch- Veg fried rice/spring  
rolls/wontons  
-Jam sponge & custard  
Snack-Rice cakes with Jam  
Tea-Potato skins with a  
variety of toppings



## Tuesday

Breakfast-Cereals,  
pastries & Fresh Fruit  
Snack-Hummus & Veg sticks &  
a selection of fruit  
Lunch- Broccoli & Cauliflower  
Cheese pasta bake  
-Banana Waffles & Cream  
Snack-Pitta bread & dips  
Tea-A selection of Sandwiches



## Wednesday

Breakfast-Cereals,  
pastries & Fresh Fruit  
Snack-Yoghurt & a  
selection of fruit  
Lunch- Jacket Potatoes with a  
selection of toppings-Apple pie  
& ice cream  
Snack-Fruit Kebabs  
Tea-Scones with Jam



## Friday

Breakfast-Cereals,  
pastries & Fresh Fruit  
Snack-Bread sticks/dips & a  
selection of fruit  
Lunch- Veg curry/rice/nan  
bread  
-Fruit sorbet  
Snack-Cheese & Crackers  
Tea-Soup & Bread



## Always

Milk & Water always  
available

Fresh &  
Homemade



# FEES & FUNDED PLACES

# HOW DO FEES & FUNDING WORK ?

We are thrilled to have you and your child as part of our community. Choosing the right childcare provider can be a daunting task, we want to make sure you have all the information you need to make an informed decision.

In this welcome pack, you'll find details about our fees and funded places, including information on the various funding options available to you. We hope that you will find this information helpful and informative, and we look forward to providing your child with a safe, nurturing, and stimulating environment in which to learn and grow.

## TO START IT MIGHT BE HELPFUL TO KNOW...



All home cooked meals, healthy snacks, nappies, wipes, milk and formula are included within our fees



To help spread the cost across the year, If you are on fixed plan your fees are broken down into regular monthly payments so you pay the same amount every month



Our standard opening hours are 7am to 6pm. When enrolled, you can drop your child off and collect at any point between these times, to match your needs. We close between Christmas and New Year and on statutory bank holidays



We can help you find out if you are eligible for funding for your child - many families are! When you visit, we can show you how to access the government website to see if you can claim nursery funding to help with your fees.

# FEES LIST 2025

HOURLY RATE	£6.75
FULL DAY	£67.50
BREAKFAST CLUB	£12.50
AFTERSCHOOL CLUB	£15.00

## FUNDED CHILDCARE OFFER FROM THE UK GOVERNMENT

### FROM THE TERM AFTER YOUR CHILD TURNS 9 MONTHS OLD

Some children are eligible for Funded Childcare when they reach nine months old.

From Sept 2025 this entitlement extended to 30 hours for many children

### FROM THE TERM AFTER YOUR CHILD TURNS 3 YEAR OLDS

Everyone is entitled to at least 15 hours funded childcare from three years old. This is funded for 38 weeks per year (term times)

You can find out your eligibility by visiting [www.childcarechoices.co.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.co.uk)

# GENERAL FEE INFORMATION

## **DEPOSITS**

We do not currently take deposits to secure your child's place.

## **FEES PAYABLE**

Invoices are issued on the 24<sup>th</sup> of the month. Fees are payable monthly, by 7th of the month. Late fees are chargeable on late payments. We require all payments to be made promptly.

## **HOLIDAYS / CLOSURES**

We are closed on Bank Holidays and for the days between Christmas Eve and New Year. If your child does not attend a booked session due to illness or holiday, the session is still payable. We do not swap sessions.

## **ADHOC DAYS**

Extra days can be booked to meet your childcare needs. These are subject to availability. If you wish to cancel an extra day booked, 48 hours notice must be given otherwise this session will remain payable.

# FREE EARLY YEARS EDUCATION ENTITLEMENT

Children become eligible for funding in the term following their birthday. So for two year old funding, your child becomes eligible in the term after their birthday. This is as follows:

Birthday	Eligible for FEEE	Deadline for application & approval with code
1 APRIL – 31 AUGUST	Term commencing: 1st September	31 <sup>st</sup> August
1 SEPTEMBER – 31 DECEMBER	Term Commencing: 1 <sup>st</sup> January	31 <sup>st</sup> December
1 JANUARY – 31 MARCH	Term Commencing: 1 <sup>st</sup> April	31 <sup>st</sup> March

## FEEE Application

You must check [childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://childcarechoices.gov.uk) (the government website) and make your application for funding before the deadline date. Once the deadline date has passed, we cannot apply for your funding and you will miss out until the following term.

Once you have applied for your funding, you cannot amend your application on the government website to increase hours until the following term, so its really important that you get it right. We can help you do this!  
[www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk)

## STRETCHED FUNDING

We deliver our Free entitlement places as “stretched.” Funding is only applicable for term time, which is 38 weeks per year, but we deliver your child’s full entitlement over 51 weeks instead. This means that your 15 hrs per week entitlement (annually this equates to 570 hours) is averaged out over 51 weeks, making it an entitlement of 11.17 hours per week. This amount is delivered to you free of charge. The remaining hours that your child is in nursery are chargeable.

If your child is entitled to 30 hours free childcare, we also stretch that (for the same reason as before – we are open 51 weeks per year and so deliver your entitlement over 51 weeks, not the 38 weeks term time) and your 1140 hours (30 hours per week x 38 term time weeks) becomes 22.35 hours per week that are delivered to you free of charge. The remaining hours that your child is in nursery are chargeable.

For three year old places, an “Essentials, Extras & Consumables” charge is made. This covers the cost of everything that the Free Early Education Funding does not provide for.

We do not split funding with other providers.

## FULLY FUNDED PLACES

Places with no Essentials, Extras & Consumables charges and no requirement to pay for additional hours are available. These places are limited and subject to availability. They are offered on a term by term basis, subject to our availability each term. Email: [pepperroyddaynursery@gmail.com](mailto:pepperroyddaynursery@gmail.com) for further information

# CONTACT

We know choosing childcare for your child is a big decision, with lots of big questions. It's our job to answer every little question so you can be sure that Pepper Royd Day Nursery is the right place for you and your child.

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