

Pepper Nose and the baby dragon

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One bright spring morning, Pepper Nose and Lemon Head went for a walk to the lake in the woods. Pepper Nose took a bag of bread to feed to the ducks and Lemon Head took his yellow plastic duck. He tied some string around his duck and threw it in the lake. Pepper Nose fed the real ducks whilst Lemon Head ran around the lake pulling his plastic duck through the water. The baby ducklings thought that it was great fun to chase Lemon Head's duck. Lemon Head laughed and ran faster. All of a sudden there was a big SPLASH! Lemon Head had fallen in the lake. "Oops!" said Lemon Head. Pepper Nose went over and helped his friend out of the water. "Oh Lemon Head, you are silly." "Sorry," said Lemon Head. His trousers, socks and shoes were all wet. He sat on the grass to dry them in the sun but it went behind a big cloud. It would take a very long time for Lemon Head to get dry. Just then Pepper Nose heard a noise coming from a bush, so he went to see what it was. A baby dragon was sat in the bush crying. "What's the matter?" asked Pepper Nose. "I'm sad," sobbed the baby dragon. "Why are you sad?" asked Pepper Nose. The baby dragon sniffed and said, "Because I can't make fire." Pepper Nose told the baby dragon to come and meet

his friend Lemon Head. They would both try and help the dragon to make fire. Lemon Head was shivering because his wet clothes were making him cold. Lemon Head sneezed and frightened the little dragon. The dragon jumped on Pepper Nose for a cuddle, but he was too heavy and they both fell in the water. SPLASH! Now Lemon Head, Pepper Nose and the dragon were sat on the grass, shivering. Lemon Head sneezed again. This time the baby dragon laughed. Then Pepper Nose got a tickle in his nose. Before he could warn anyone, he sneezed a very big sneeze.

ATISHOOOOOOOOOO! The baby dragon screamed, "Aaaaahhhhhh!" and a big red flame leapt out of the baby dragon's nose. It shot past Lemon Head's head and set the bush on fire. "Wow!" they all said. The baby dragon was happy because now he could make fire. Lemon Head and Pepper Nose were both happy because they could get warm and dry by the fire. Pepper Nose had three slices of bread left over, so the dragon breathed fire on them and made toast. Then Pepper Nose filled the empty bread bag with water and put the fire in the bush out. Lemon Head rescued his yellow duck and they all went to Pepper Nose's house for some more toast.

