



Newsletter Spring Term 1

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Welcome back

Wishing all our families a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year. Our newsletter keeps you updated with news and events and what we have planned for this half term. You can also follow us on Facebook and visit our school website;

[Goodway Nursery](#)

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Library books

Please remember to return your child's library book and choose a new one whenever you would like! Reading with your child helps to develop their vocabulary and is an important bonding time.

We're learning to say 'hello' in Cantonese

We teach children to say hello in a different language each half term. This half term we are learning to say hello in Cantonese

你好 'Nǐ hǎo'

Core books we will be reading this half term

We focus upon particular books each half term to read to the children regularly so that children develop a bank of well known and loved stories.

You can help by getting the story from your local library and reading it at home to your child.

These stories will be a stimulus for imaginative role play, mark making, creating models and many other learning opportunities.

Sunflowers (3-4 year olds):

Goldilocks and The Three Bears
The Gingerbread man
NSPCC Pantosaurus

Daisies (2-3 year olds):

The Colour Monster, Dear Zoo, Maisy's Chinese New Year, Walking Through the Jungle

Core Rhymes

Singing rhymes helps children learn about rhythm and rhyme to help with pre reading skills. It is also great fun!

This half term we will be singing:

Sunflowers (3-4 year olds): 'Isn't it Funny How a Bear Likes Honey?', 'Teddy Bear Teddy Bear Turn Around', 'When Goldilocks went to the house of the Bears', 'Five Little Teddy Bears Jumping on the Bed'

Daisies (2-3 year olds): If you're happy and you know it, Down in the jungle, Walking through the jungle, Chinese music, Sleeping Bunnies, Chick, chick, chick, chicken

Forest School

Forest School sessions will continue for the Daisies and Sunflowers 2. Please ensure your child is wearing suitable clothes and has a pair of wellington boots clearly labelled with their name, when it is their turn for Forest School. Learn more about our forest school here: [Goodway Nursery](#)

Woodland Trust website

There is a wide range of excellent activities to carry out with your child at home, which you can access through the Woodland Trust website.

Click on the following links to access Woodland Trust website;

www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/naturedetectives/activities

Groovy Little Movers Workshops for Sunflowers 2- Wednesday 22nd January 2025

Take part in a Groovy Little Movers with your child! Click the link below to sign up- places are limited.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=p3Mz9HoJ-U6oKMJL2lqx9EBGeO8AAzNGI4OJ-FC4U2ZUNEVPVks5WDRUSzRGQIYwMjQ2TUIXWVFQNi4u>

9:15am-9:45am For Seals and Wolves

2:45pm-3:15pm For Seals and Elephants

(Seals parents, please choose just one session.)

Unicef Rights Respecting School Article 19: Protection from violence abuse and neglect

Keeping Me Safe Family Workshop Wednesday 5th February (All Sunflowers children)

Parent Workshop Sunflowers: Safety week activities and stories with your child

Part time (Monday, Tuesday Wednesday children) 11:15am

Part time (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday children) 2:45pm

Full time children 2:45pm

INSET day update- Please note change of dates

Our INSET days will now be Thursday **27th March** and Friday **28th March**. School will be closed to pupils on these days. The team at Goodway Nursery School will be accessing training focusing on principles of nurture.

Diary Dates:

Wed 22nd Jan	Groovy Little Movers workshops for Seals, Wolves and Elephants. (Sunflowers 2)
Wed 5th Feb	Family Workshop: Keeping Me Safe
Mon 27th Jan- Fri 31st Jan	Chinese New Year celebration activities (10th Feb- Dragon)
Mon 10th -14th Feb	Parent consultation meetings
Mon 17th Feb - Friday 21st Feb	Closed for half term
Mon 24th Feb	Reopen for Spring 2
Thurs 27th and Fri 28th March	INSET days- school closed to pupils