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Our half termly newsletter keeps you informed about what your child will be learning about each half term and gives you the dates of forthcoming events. These are also available on our website and through our school app, which you can download.

This will be sent out via email each half term, and you can also get them straight to your phone via our App, which you can download, and they will also be available on our website www.goodwayn.bham.sch.uk
If you would prefer a paper copy for future newsletters, please let Sue know.

*You will receive 'Dates for your Diary' along with this newsletter, with events throughout the year.
Please note that though we try to be accurate with these dates, some dates may need to be changed due to unforeseen circumstances. We will always try to inform you as soon as possible when a date needs to be changed.*

Welcome to Goodway Nursery School!

We are so sorry that the settling in period for the children was disrupted and we look forward to them settling back into nursery soon.

We have carried out a thorough deep clean of the school and made some changes to our protective measures, so that any future cases should result in fewer children having to self-isolate.

We have put up doors to divide the Sunflowers & Poppies areas, to ensure that children only come into contact with children from their own classroom bubble. We have also divided up the outdoor play area with fencing and children will only be able to play with children from their own classroom bubble.

Children will now eat their lunches in the classrooms with wipe clean tablecloths.

We have created a one-way system for dropping off and collection.

We ask you to bring your child in through the staff car park on Kingstanding Road at your allocated time and to leave through the main entrance on Goodway Road. A member of staff will be at each gate.

You can find our updated coronavirus risk assessment on our website www.goodwayn.bham.sch.uk

Thank you for supporting us as we do all we can to keep all our children and families safe during this difficult time.

Walk to School Week Mon 5th – Fri 9th Oct

Walking brings physical and mental health benefits everyone as well as reducing congestion and air pollution at the school gates and improving road safety.

Strong hearts, healthy bones, increased muscle strength are all outcomes of walking, but the benefits for the mind are just as powerful. Walking provides an increased sense of calm and self-esteem, time to connect with friends, family and the natural world, awakened creativity and improved overall cognitive function.

Walk all the way or park a little way from school and walk the last few minutes into school together.

Parents Consultation Telephone calls Mon 19th – Fri 23rd Oct

Talk with your child's key person about how they are settling in and their learning and development.

Choose the time that suits you best on the signup sheets available in the classrooms

Mon 19th October 9am-12pm: Lions group

Mon 19th October 12.30 – 3.30pm: Sunbears group

Tuesday 20th October 9-12pm: Wolves 1 group

Tuesday 20th October 12.30pm – 3.30pm: Elephants 1 group

Wednesday 21st October 9am-12pm: Seals 1, Tigers 1 & Pandas 1

Wednesday 21st October 12.30pm-3.30pm: Seals 2, Tigers 2 & Pandas 2

Thursday 22nd October 9am-12pm: Elephants 2 group

Thursday 22nd October 12.30 – 3.30pm Wolves 2 group

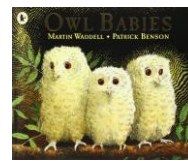
Friday 23rd October 9am-12pm: Lions 2 & Sunbears 2

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 and creating models.

You can listen to staff reading these on the 'Listen to a Story' page on our school website

Poppies & Sunflowers (Elephants, Lions, Wolves & Sunbears)



Owl Babies by Martin Waddell

Daisies (Seals, Tigers & Pandas)



Fox's Socks by Julia Donaldson

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:

Poppies & Sunflowers:

Baa, baa black sheep; Humpty dumpty; Incy wincy; Hickory dickory; 1,2,3,4,5 once I caught a fish alive, Twinkle, twinkle

Daisies:

Baa, baa black sheep; Twinkle, twinkle

Black History Week Monday 5th-Friday 23rd October

We will try out different hairstyles, taste African and Caribbean food and talk to the children about Martin Luther King's dream that people will be judged by what they do, not what they look like.

We will invite parents and carers to share their dreams for their child with us.

Goodway Nursery School Facebook Page

We post news and information on our school Facebook page as well as emailing it out and posting it on our App.

Please like us and follow us on Facebook to see pictures and hear updates.

Toilet Training

When to start potty training will depend on the individual child. Every child is different; they learn to walk and talk at different times and they learn how to use the toilet at different times too. However, most children are ready to be potty trained between 18 months and 3 years old.

We are here to support you with advice and information on potty training when your child is ready.

Lunchboxes

Please make sure that your child's name is written on the **outside** of their lunchbox. Children sometimes have the same lunchbox and it is very important that children eat the right lunch in case of food allergies or preferences.

Forest School

While we cannot run our usual Forest School sessions due to the need for everyone to remain in bubbles, our qualified Forest School Leader, Sarah Bridgwater has planned forest activities for children to take part in every fortnight with their key group. Children will learn about the natural world, exploring nature and managing risks.

This half term we will be learning.....

Personal, social & emotional development

- o Making relationships – circle time games
- o Leadership roles.
- o Our families photos, paintings & display
- o Where our families come from display
- o Behavioural expectations - Class charters

Communication & Language

- o Circle times
- o Vocabulary of emotions
- o talking about our families

Physical development

- o Block play
- o Outdoor Play
- o Introduce bikes, balls, climbing frame
- o African dancing & Bhangra dancing & Indian stick dancing

Literacy

- o Owl Babies & Fox's Socks
- o Nursery rhymes
- o Handling books
- o Introduce library scheme
- o Introduce name cards
- o Mark making

Maths

- o Counting songs and rhymes
- o Counting how many children are here
- o Block play, exploring shapes, size and weight

Understanding the World

- o Forest School – Introduce Forest School charter
- o Black History Month – Hairdressers role play, tasting fruit, music & dancing, Parent dreams for child

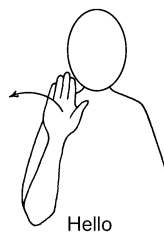
Expressive arts & design

- o Painting
- o Clay
- o Junk modelling
- o Role play

Yoga Bugs

We will be starting Yoga Bugs from 5th October. Children practice yoga through stories. This develops children's listening and attention skills, language, supports emotional well-being and develops self-regulation. Each key group will take part in a Yoga Bugs session, every 4 weeks.

We're learning to say 'hello' in: Makaton sign language



We teach children a range of Makaton signs to support language development.

You can look on Cbeebies where Mr Tumble demonstrates a selection of Makaton signs:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/playlist-something-special-really-useful-makaton-signs#playlist>



Rights Respecting School Award

We are very proud to have achieved our Gold Unicef Rights Respecting School award which demonstrates our commitment to children's rights

We will agree charters with the children, setting out expectations about how children's rights can be met at Goodway Nursery School.

If you would like to have a look at these, or find out more about this, please ask your child's key person, or have a look on our website www.goodwayn.bham.sch.uk

Early Years Pupil Premium

If your child is eligible for Early Years Pupil Premium they will take part in a weekly Yoga Bugs session, where children do yoga through stories. This develops children's listening and attention skills, language, supports emotional well-being and develops self-regulation.

The children will also take part in a weekly additional phonics session with our qualified teachers Sarah Edwards & Lucy Collins.

If you think your child may be eligible for Early Years Pupil Premium funding, please speak to Sue in the office.

Special Educational Needs & Disabilities

If you have any concerns about your child's learning or development feel free to speak to your key person or to Lorraine Jones, our Special Educational Needs Coordinator (Senco).

Tapestry Learning Journeys

We record your child's learning and development using photos and observations using the Tapestry online observation system. You will be given a log in so that you can access these, see what your child has been learning and the next steps for their learning and development.

Please speak to Sue in the school office, and she will be able to create a log in for you.

Learning at home

Look out for our half termly 'Learning at Home sheets' with lots of ideas you can do with your child at home.

We will suggest 'next steps' for your child's learning and development on their Tapestry observations that you can access and also add your own pictures.

Ideas for learning at home are available on our website under the 'Teaching & Learning' section.

Please choose a book each week to read with your child and read with them every day. Sharing a story together every day is the most important thing you can do to support your child's early reading development.

Look at the 'Listen to a Story' section on our school website where you can listen to different members of the staff team reading stories.