Saying Goodbye: assembly script

At a glance

Story: See You in Spring **For:** Reception and Key Stage 1 (ages 4–7) **Time:** 10–15 mins
You need: the PowerPoint. The same script is in its speaker notes. You don't need any props.
Links: Relationships and health education (primary): caring friendships; general wellbeing. EYFS Personal, Social and Emotional Development: Building Relationships.

Good to know

Good for the end of term, or when a friend is moving on. "Goodbye isn't forever" is about friends we will see again, so choose a different story if somebody in your school is grieving.

1. Welcome	Welcome, everybody. Today's assembly is about saying goodbye. We're going to hear a story from Thistledown Lane called "See You in Spring".
2. Think about it	Ask: When do we say goodbye to people? Take a few answers: at the school gate, at bedtime, at the end of term. Say: goodbyes can feel happy, sad, or both. Today, Bramble has to say goodbye until spring.
3. The story, part 1	Read: One night, it snowed on Thistledown Lane. Lilly and Moss were very excited. But Bramble gave a big yawn. She was very sleepy.
4. The story, part 2	Read: Mam came up the lane. "It's time for the long sleep," she said. Bramble had to make a nest under the hedge.
5. The story, part 3	Read: All her friends came to help. Barnaby dug the hollow under the hedge until it was big and deep. Pip brought leaves. Hazel brought dry bracken. Old Wren's cousins brought soft moss.
6. The story, part 4	Read: It was the cosiest nest there had ever been. Moss was worried. "Will you be cold?" he asked. Mam said the leaves keep the cold out, like a big blanket.
7. The story, part 5	Read: Everybody said goodnight. Bramble climbed into her nest. She curled up into a little round ball, with just her nose peeping out.
8. The story, part 6	Read: "Will you look after everybody?" Bramble asked Old Wren. "Of course I will," he said. Then everybody said softly, "See you in spring."

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9. Talk together	Give children half a minute with a partner for each question, then take a few answers. 1. Why did Bramble have to say goodbye? Listen for: it was time for her long winter sleep. 2. How did all her friends help? Listen for: Barnaby dug; Pip, Hazel and the wren cousins brought soft things for her nest. 3. What can we say to make a goodbye feel better? Listen for: see you soon, see you in spring, I'll think of you.
10. Have a go	Curl up small, like Bramble in her nest. Whisper together: "See you in spring." Now stretch up slowly, as if it's a sunny spring morning.
11. Remember	Read it together, slowly. Ask the children to say it back to you.
12. Quiet moment	Invite everybody to sit still, close their eyes if they would like to, and think quietly for half a minute. You can add your own school's prayer or reflection here.
13. This week	Set the challenge for the week. Say a kind goodbye to somebody at the end of each day. You could ask in your next assembly who had a go.
14. Goodbye	Say goodbye. If you have time, watch the whole episode free at https://thistledownlane.co.uk/episode-see-you-in-spring (no adverts, no sign-in and no tracking).

The lesson

Saying goodbye isn't forever. Friends keep you in their hearts while you're away.

If you have longer

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