Prawn and sweet potato soup

Ingredients - Serves 4

1 tbsp light-flavoured oil

3 garlic cloves, sliced

1 lemon grass stalk, cut into 3 and bashed

3cm piece ginger, peeled and thinly sliced

2 red chillies, 1 halved lengthways, 1 chopped

2 kaffir lime leaves

400ml can coconut milk

750ml quality vegetable or chicken stock

2 tbsp fish sauce

1 tbsp caster sugar

450g sweet potatoes, peeled and diced

150g fine rice noodles

16 raw peeled prawns

2 spring onions, sliced

lime wedges, to serve

Method

- 1. Heat oil in a large pan, add garlic, lemon grass and ginger and fry for 1 minute.
- 2. Add halved chilli, lime leaves, coconut milk and stock. Bring to a gentle simmer. Stir in fish sauce and sugar. Cook sweet potatoes in coconut broth for 8 minutes, or until tender.
- 3. Add rice noodles and prawns and cook for a further 3 minutes. Ladle into bowls and serve with chopped chilli, spring onion and lime wedges.