

<b>week 3:</b>	<b>bird's eye view</b>
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*We are going to have a "bird's eye view" of our world today.*

**Games:**

1. **Steam release:** Guess What?

NSEW but changed with different air transport modes. Example : North = balloon, South = helicopter, East = jet, West = Boeing

2. **Quiet:** Can you catch?

In pairs, Cubs are given 5 marshmallows in a cup. Taking it in turns, Cubs throw a marshmallow to each other and catch it in their mouth. 1 point per catch.

3. **Revision/Wide:** Up in the air

Scatter pictures in a designated area of various items showing a view from the side. Cubs are given pictures showing a view from the top. Cubs need to run outside and find the picture which matches theirs from the side view. Have lots of different everyday items – bath, toilet, wash basin, glass, teacup, etc.

4. **Revision/Relay:** How much do you know?

Take time to explain to the Cubs about gas and paraffin safety. This is a Gold Wolf requirement so include the Silver Wolf level by including fire safety in general which has been covered in previous weeks. Follow the discussion with a relay game – colour code the cards – example, red for Silver Wolf and green for Gold Wolf. Have a question on each card relating to the different levels – Cubs run up to a designated spot, pick up a card according to the advancement they are covering, they then run up to another spot and match the question with the answer. Once they have the correct answer, they keep both cards and runs back to his/her Six and the next Cub goes. Repeat until all the cards are finished. Once everyone has had a turn, have a short discussion around the questions and answers.

5. **Active:** Obstacle course

Should the hot air balloon have a slight mishap and crash, the Cubs will need to follow an obstacle course to find their way out of the bush. Place boxes and chairs and barrels, etc. in the way and the Cubs need to navigate their way around the obstacles. Can work as a team (e.g. tied together with ropes) or in relay formation.

*It is so peaceful up here in the sky – but what can you hear?*

**Sense training:**

1. **Kim's Game:** Sound

Let the Cubs listen to sounds associated with the outdoors – e.g. Bird calls, trees rustling in the wind, cars driving, cars hooting, dogs barking, etc

2. **Kim's Game:** Taste

A picnic up in the air can be fun! Cubs taste weird and wonderful items that one would take on a picnic in the air!

*No matter where we are, always remember to be prepared for anything and to always do our best!*

**Yarn:**

**BE PREPARED**

Jack and Don were both Cubs with a pack in Durban. Jack was the Sixer for the green six and Don was the Sixer for the red six. They were walking home after a pack meeting one Saturday morning and chatting about what they had done.

"Learning first aid was fun today", said Jack flinging his well filled backpack over his shoulder, "but I would have preferred to have played soccer today as well!"

"Yes, I know", agreed Don, "but Akela says that first aid is of little use unless you learn it properly and thoroughly and get lots of practice in as well so that we can do our best when a situation arises."

They climbed the fence by the MacDonald's bush and headed for the river.

"I'm going to make another stab at baking today so that I can finish my cooking badge," Jack announced. "Last time the dough was so hard we played duck on a rock with it!"

"Practice makes perfect," said Don. "Remember my first try? It tasted like wallpaper paste."

Jack laughed heartedly at the thought and pointed to a plane that circled overhead. It was not an uncommon sight, for both boys lived within six kilometres of one of the Air Training Schools.

"It's a Harvard, isn't it?" asked Don. "Boy what I'd give to be able to fly in one of those things."

Jack seized his chum's arm.

"There's something funny about that plane, Don ..." he hesitated, as the plane took a sudden dive earthwards. "If you ask me, I think that pilot's in trouble."

"Good gracious!" exclaimed Don, "I think he's going to land in this field!"

"You're right there," cried Jack. "But not from choice. That plane's going to crash. Something's wrong."

Hardly had Jack finished his sentence before his prophecy was fulfilled. Like a wounded bird, the plane slid to the earth not two hundred yards from where the amazed Cubs were standing. It came to a shuddering stop and through the front window, they could see the pilot slumped over inside the cockpit.

"Come on!" yelled Jack, "We've got to help. You go and call an adult and I will help the pilot."

Jack ran towards the wreck and Don ran off shouting out to anyone within hearing distance to find an adult to help them.

Jack ran towards the wreck. Desperately he worked to release the trapped, hurt pilot. Somehow, he could not quite remember how, he succeeded in helping him out of the cockpit and removing him to a safe distance from the aircraft. Jack helped the pilot to sit down and made him as comfortable as he could. The pilot fainted from the pain of his injuries and Jack placed him gently in the recovery position.

He grabbed his emergency kit out of his backpack and took out a plastic bag and a handkerchief. He covered his hand with the plastic bag and used the handkerchief to press down on the wound on the pilot's leg which was bleeding quite badly. Suddenly the air was filled with the wail of a siren. Jack glanced at the gate at the far end of the field. An ambulance from the training camp was bearing towards them with Don sitting in the front with the driver.

"Thank goodness," muttered Jack.

The paramedics took over from Jack in helping the injured pilot. When they made sure the pilot was stable, one of the paramedics came over to where Jack and Don were standing. "Boys, you were both very brave to help the pilot as you did – Don in running to find and adult to help, and Jack for making sure he was placed in the recovery position and helping with the wound. I am sure he will thank you both when he has recovered."

The Cubs exclaimed in chorus: "Will he be alright, sir?"

"I am sure he will – he is lucky to be alive," replied the paramedic picking up his kit and mopping his brow.

Word of the accident had spread through the district before the Cubs reached their homes. The part that the Sixer of the green six and of the red six had played in the rescue was the talk at every supper table that night. Akela dropped around to Jack's house just after supper.

"Jack we are very proud of what you and Don did this afternoon", Akela said.

Jack shook his head.

"We owe it all to you Akela. I know now what you meant when you said we should always be thorough in our first aid and practice so we can always do our best!"

*(Yarn adapted from Woodsmoke at Twilight – Be Prepared)*

*It's fun being up in the air, let's see if we can make a hot air balloon.*

### **Handcraft/Activity:**

1. **Activity:** Hot Air Balloon

Cubs can make a hot air balloon using a balloon and string with a weighted matchbox – example : <http://www.allcrafts.net/kids.htm>

2. **Activity:** Make a helicopter

*Activities modules: Pages 9 and 10*

*Wouldn't it be fun to be a bird for a day and fly high in the sky?*

### **Singing/Play Acting:**

1. **Singing:** Way Up In The Sky

Way up in the sky  
The little birdies fly  
Way down in the nest  
The little birdies rest

With a wing on the left  
And a wing on the right  
The little birds sleep  
All through the night

SHHHHH (quiet)  
They're sleeping (really loud)

The bright sun comes up  
The dew falls away  
"Good morning, good morning!"  
The little birdies say

2. **Playacting:** Getting help

The balloon has crashed! Cubs are given scenarios of ideas to act out on what to do to get help for the passengers

**Advancement covered:**

**Silver Wolf:**

*Campcraft:* Identify a simple object from the side and top to illustrate the difference in shape. (Revision/wide game)

**Gold Wolf:**

*Campcraft:* Learn about fire and gas/paraffin safety (Revision/ Relay game)