

## Exciting events to look out for...

**Fox Class Swimming Sessions begin:** Monday 11th September

**Sky Safari Hot Air Balloon Festival @ Longleat Safari and Adventure Park:** Friday 15th — Sunday 17th September

**Marlborough Literature Festival:** Thursday 28th September. We will be dressing up as a Wild Thing and having a very Wild Day to celebrate this exciting local event.

**Jeans for Genes Day:** Friday 22nd September

**End of Term :** Wednesday 18th October

**Start of Term 2:** Tuesday 31st October

## Important News

We are very excited to announce that both classes have gained an extra class member (albeit a bit furrier).

Bertie the Badger and Freddie the Fox will each be going home with a child at the end of every week.

When your child is lucky enough to bring home their furry friend, please encourage them to write about their weekend with Bertie or Freddie and to make it as interesting as possible by including pictures, drawings etc.

## *How can you help your child?*

As always there are lots of opportunities for you to help your child with their learning.

Please continue to support your child with their homework, spellings, daily reading and number bonds. It really does make a difference!

**PLEASE** let us know if you have any special talents/knowledge that would help with our topic or if you are available to help listen to children read. Your support is always greatly appreciated, thank you!

# Up, Up and Away



## Year 2

## Badger and Fox Class

## Autumn Term 1 2017

**English:**

WARNING! Exciting times ahead! Join us as we go up, up and away on our new journey. We will be embracing our flying start within our brand new school by exploring texts and short films that focus on all things flying: bubbles, planes and rockets. We will be learning to write for pleasure and enjoyment as well as instructions for the very important skill of making aeroplanes, out of paper, of course!

There will also be a small focus on all things wild as we celebrate the Marlborough Literature Festival through 'Where the Wild Things Are'.

**Maths:**

Our main focus for this term will be developing our understanding of how numbers work and improving our addition and subtraction skills. Get ready for lots of fun maths using resources, playing games and solving problems.

Helping your child to learn their 2, 5 and 10 times tables at home will also be really helpful this year.

**Science:**

Scientists at the ready — we need your help with some exciting investigations about bubbles and cold air balloons! We will also be testing, sorting and comparing different materials to find out about their properties to help us solve a flying problem!

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**History:** Do you know what the first flying invention was? When it happened or who invented it? We will be learning about the history of flight to answer these exciting questions.

**RE:** We will be exploring the key question 'is it possible to be kind to everybody?' through discussion and reflection of Bible stories such as 'The Good Samaritan'.

**ICT:** We will be delving into Hector's World of E-Safety as we learn how to keep our information secure and use the internet safely.

**PE:** Developing ball skills and core strength will be the focus for this term. Fox Class will also be swimming every Monday.

**Music:**

Wild moves needed! We will be using instruments and our voices to perform our personal responses to the story of 'Where the Wild Things Are'.

**Art/DT:**

We will begin the term by making our very own 'Wild Thing' out of clay. For the rest of the term we will be working together to design and create our very own flying vehicles. Are you up for the challenge?

## Questions to Explore

**Have you ever flown before?**

**How many things do you know of that fly?**

**How do things fly?**

**What was the first flying invention and when was it invented?**

**Find out about something about flight that interests you!**

### HOMWORK

**Homework is important as it consolidates your child's learning.**

Appropriate, differentiated English and Maths homework will be given out on a Friday and will be due in on the following Wednesday.

There is an expectation that all homework will be completed so if you are unsure about any aspect of the homework please talk to a member of staff.

### READING

Hearing your child read is **vitaly important**. The expectation is your child reads **at least 3-4 times a week** and they will be rewarded with a house point each week that this is achieved. Please continue to hear them read and **discuss** their books every day. ***Children who read for pleasure are more likely to achieve well at school so share bedtime stories and visit the local library.***

**Books will be changed on ANY day so please encourage your child to put their reading books and diary in the 'book changing' box in their class for them to be changed with the TA.**