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### **Barum class learning**

This week in English we have started our new text 'The Dragon Machine' by Helen Ward. We will be writing stories, using expanded noun phrases, verbs and prepositional phrases to tell the reader where the verb is happening. We have enjoyed discussing the book and wondering if George's dragons are real or just his imagination, we discussed our likes, dislikes, puzzles and patterns and talked about the meanings of some new unfamiliar words in the story.

In Maths, we have been learning about position and direction and have practised giving directions and writing directions for a treasure maps. In Year 3 we have learnt about right angles. We have looked for right angles in the classroom and identified right angles in shapes.

This week in Geography we discussed what weather is and the difference between the weather and climate, we talked about the Equator line and why the countries along the Equator line are some of the hottest countries in the world. In Year 3 we used Atlas's and globes to identify countries that were either on, above or under the Equator line.

### **Home learning:**

In family groups this week we were finding out about Chinese (Lunar) New Year. We were very interested in the 12 animals that represent each year. For home learning, find out which Chinese animal year you were born in and create a picture of your animal.

### **Reading:**

Thank you for all your reading support at home. Don't forget that if your child reads five times per week, they will earn a sticker.

Children will often have the same guided reading book for 2 weeks; In class we will be practising different skills using this text. The expectation is children read 5 times a week, this does not have to be just the guided reading text, it is also okay to read your own books from home and record this on Boom Reader.

