Johnny's story



At Oak Tree School, there is a Geography lesson. Miss Burton is showing a film about China. But one of the children, Johnny, is dreaming. In his dream, he is sitting on a dragon flying along the Great Wall of China. Johnny is happy. He loves flying. He loves riding the red dragon. Then Miss Burton stops the film and starts asking questions.

'Johnny,' she says, 'When it's three o'clock in the afternoon in London, what's the time in Beijing?'

Johnny says, 'It's my dragon.'

The children laugh. Miss Burton doesn't laugh.



The next lesson is Maths. The children all work in their workbook. Johnny isn't doing any work in his workbook. He loves doing Maths puzzles in his head. Then Miss Burton starts asking questions.



'What is fourteen plus twelve?' she asks Jenny.

'Twenty-six,' Jenny answers.

'Johnny,' Miss Burton asks, 'What is forty plus eighteen?'

'I think the number two is at the top of the triangle,' Johnny says.

The children laugh. Miss Burton doesn't.

The next day the children have Science. Miss Burton tells the children about the lifecycle of butterflies. Johnny is dreaming. In his dream, he is in Art class. He has to paint a butterfly on a T-shirt.

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Miss Burton stops talking and starts asking questions.
'What do caterpillars eat?' she asks Johnny.
'T-shirts,' Johnny says.
The children laugh. Miss Burton doesn't.



The next day the children have Music. Miss Burton plays some music – a piano concert. Johnny is dreaming. Johnny is on stage. He is singing and playing the guitar. There are hundreds of people watching. When he stops, the people clap their hands and shout.

The music stops and Miss Burton starts asking questions about it.
'What music is this?' she says to Johnny.
'Come on, come on, it's time to dance,' Johnny starts singing.
The children laugh. Miss Burton doesn't.



Two weeks later, the children have to write a story for a competition.
'Who can write the best story?' Miss Burton says.
Johnny writes a fantastic story. It's about dragons and butterflies, a guitar concert, puzzles and other wonderful things. Johnny wins first prize.
The children don't laugh; they clap and shout, 'Hurray Johnny!'
Miss Burton smiles. 'It's a beautiful story. Read it to us!'

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3 Think! **Put the story in order.**

- [ ] Johnny does a Maths puzzle in his head.
- [ ] Miss Burton teaches Science.
- [ ] Johnny dreams of painting a butterfly on a T-shirt.
- [1] Miss Burton shows a film.
- [ ] Johnny wins the competition.
- [ ] Miss Burton teaches Music.
- [ ] Johnny dreams of playing the guitar.
- [ ] Miss Burton teaches Maths.
- [ ] Johnny dreams of flying on a dragon.

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