

Monday 29th June

Theme - 'transition'

Step 1 - "...transition..."

Read this extract from Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone by J.K Rowling together.

Welcome to Hogwarts," said Professor McGonagall. "The start-of-term banquet will begin shortly, but before you take your seats in the Great Hall, you will be sorted into your houses. The Sorting is a very important ceremony because, while you are here, your house will be something like your family within Hogwarts. You will have classes with the rest of your house, sleep in your house dormitory, and spend free time in your house common room.

"The four houses are called Gryffindor, Hufflepuff, Ravenclaw, and Slytherin. Each house has its own noble history and each has produced outstanding witches and wizards. While you are at Hogwarts, your triumphs will earn your house points, while any rulebreaking will lose house points. At the end of the year, the house with the most points is awarded the house cup, a great honor. I hope each of you will be a credit to whichever house becomes yours.

"The Sorting Ceremony will take place in a few minutes in front of the rest of the school.

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As Harry stepped forward, whispers suddenly broke out like little hissing fires all over the hall.

"Potter, did she say?"

"The Harry Potter?"

The last thing Harry saw before the hat dropped over his eyes was the hall full of people craning to get a good look at him. Next second he was looking at the black inside of the hat. He waited.

Hmm," said a small voice in his ear. "Difficult. Very difficult. Plenty of courage, I see. Not a bad mind either. There's talent, A my goodness, yes -- and a nice thirst to prove yourself, now that's interesting.... So where shall I put you?"

Harry gripped the edges of the stool and thought, Not Slytherin, not Slytherin.

"Not Slytherin, eh?" said the small voice. "Are you sure? You could be great, you know, it's all here in your head, and Slytherin will help you on the way to greatness, no doubt about that -- no? Well, if you're sure -- better be GRYFFINDOR!"

Harry heard the hat shout the last word to the whole hall. He took off the hat and walked shakily toward the Gryffindor table. He was so relieved to have been chosen and not put in Slytherin, he hardly noticed that he was getting the loudest cheer yet.

Step 2 - Watch the short video clip:

The Sorting Ceremony | Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone
<https://safeYouTube.net/w/jozL>

Discussion Points - Now that you have watched the videos, let's think about what we have seen. Here are some questions to really focus your thinking. Talk about them together.



Can you relate to how Harry felt as he waited to be picked by the sorting hat?	What do you think the author meant when she said <i>"whispers suddenly broke out like little hissing fires all over the hall"</i>?	Why do you think Harry was so desperate not to be in Slytherin house?
Give me 5 emotions the new students might be feeling when they first enter the Great Hall.	Why do you think starting a new school or new class can be scary at first?	What helps you to feel calm when you are nervous or worried?

English task

Tasks -Early Years

Nursery: Talk to your family about what their wishes are. You all could record yourselves talking about your wish and upload it to Seesaw.

Reception: Draw a picture of yourself wearing the sorting hat. Discuss together what your wishes are, and then underneath your picture write two sentences.

I wish _____

Tasks - Key Stage 1

Have you ever really wished for something to happen like Harry did?

When he was waiting for the hat to speak, what do you think Harry was thinking? How do you think he was feeling? What might Harry have wanted to say to the hat?

You are going to do a think, say, feel.

Draw a sketch of Harry in your book wearing the hat. First, draw a thought bubble and write in it, what Harry was thinking as he waited. Next, draw a speech bubble and write what he wanted to say to the hat. Finally, draw a heart and write in it adjectives to describe how he was feeling.

Tasks - Lower Key Stage 2

'The finest school of witchcraft and wizardry in the world' - Rubeus Hagrid.



The school motto for Hogwarts is 'Never wake a sleeping dragon.'

Imagine you are Harry or Hermione and it is your first day of school. How do you feel as you approach the school building? Describe what you see. How do you feel about living here? What lessons do you think you will have in your new class? How do you feel about leaving your family behind and making new magical friends? What do you think about the school motto? Write a diary entry including your feelings and activities.

Tasks - Upper Key Stage 2

Starting a new school or a new class can be very daunting at first, especially when you're about to meet your new teacher.

In Hogwarts there are some very strange and interesting teachers, with all sorts of magical abilities!

What would your dream, magical teacher be like?

What powers would they have? What lessons would they teach?

Write a paragraph describing them, use lots of description and detail. Think about what they look like, how they walk, behave, the things they say. As well as what powers they have and what lessons they teach.

Remember this is a MAGICAL teacher, so be as creative as possible!

After you have written your magical teacher description, draw a picture of them and upload onto Seesaw!

Well-being task

Listening to classical music can be very relaxing and can help you feel calm and at ease. Today listen to this piece of music by Richard Wagner and discuss together how it made you feel.



Richard Wagner - "Tristan und Isolde", Prelude

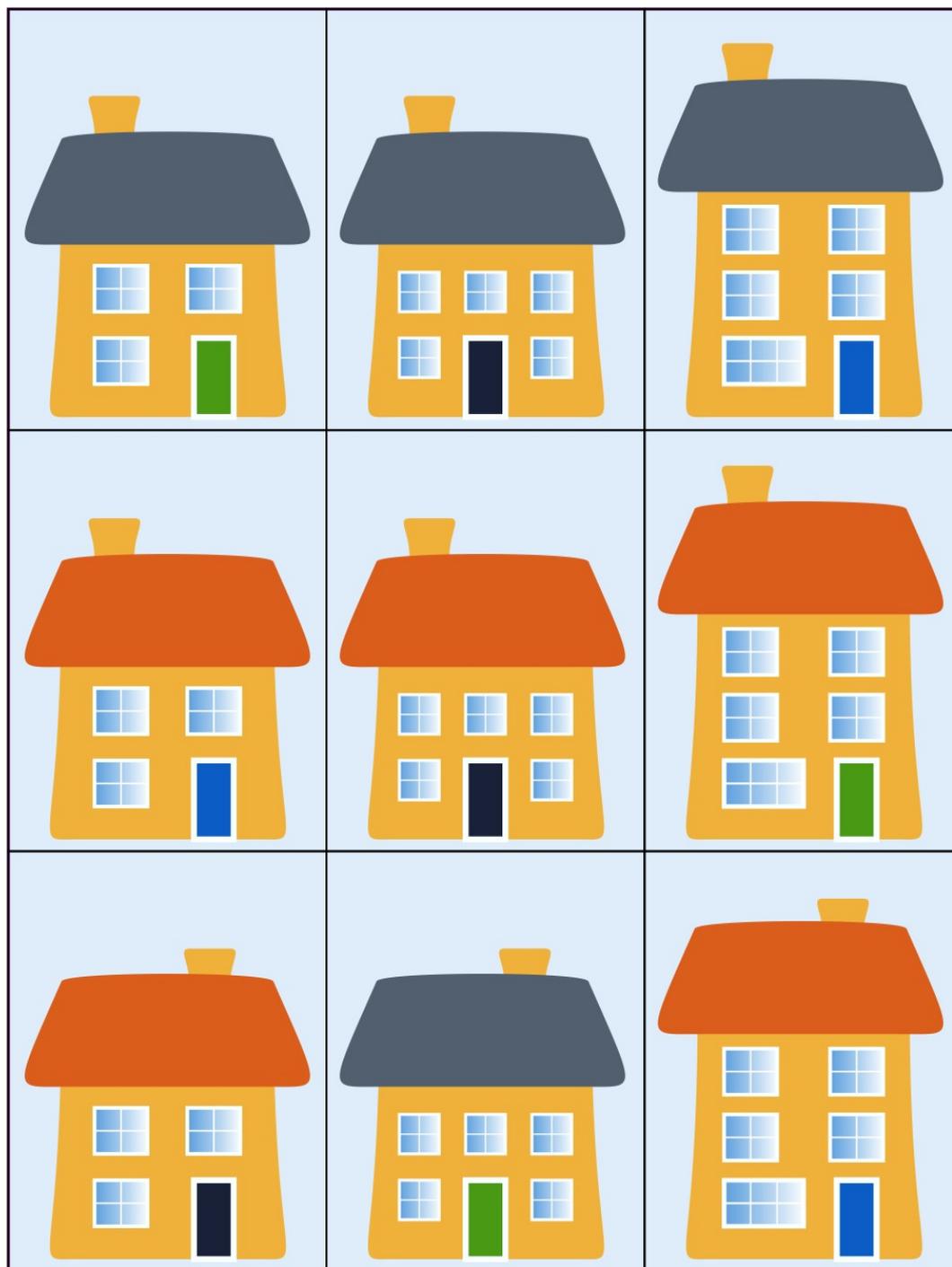
<https://safeYouTube.net/w/uCkK>

Then listen to the piece of music again with a piece of paper and a pencil, listen to it carefully and draw what you think the music is about.

Share your drawings with one another; do your drawings have any similarities?

Maths task

Here is a picture of nine of the houses in my street:



How could you sort the houses? Is there more than one way to sort them?

Challenge-

Go on a walk and collect some natural materials, how many ways can you sort them.

Can you explain to someone else how you have sorted the objects? Can they sort them a different way?

Outdoor Learning

When it is the first day of school or when you are starting a new class it is great if you can feel calm and confident. However, sometimes when everything is new it is difficult to stay calm and you may feel a little anxious.

Meditation is one way of helping you stay calm, feel confident and be self-aware. Let us see if you think meditation may help you if you ever do feel worried or need to calm down.

If you can listen to this magical Harry Potter meditation on a device safely outside do so. Perhaps someone will do this meditation with you. If not, try the meditation inside.

Kids meditation - Harry Potter

<https://safeYouTube.net/w/lzL>

Once you have completed the meditation, you could then go outside and draw a thought map or picture of what went through your mind. Did you enjoy it? Did it help you relax?

Or you could simply just spend some time somewhere comfortable, outside or inside, in your own space, relaxing whilst imagining starting your first day at magic school.

Creative Learning

Hogwarts is a magical school for witches and wizards.

The school is filled with magical touches; paintings on the walls can talk, the candles in the Great Hall float, the staircases move and Quidditch is the main sport.



But what would your dream school be like?

Would there be a roller coaster in the playground? A games room? A petting zoo? A library where the books read to you? A giant bouncy castle? Slides instead of stairs? Music concerts instead of assemblies?

Create a poster all about your dream school.

Give your dream school a name; include a picture of the school from the outside, and smaller pictures explaining some of the interesting features and **how** they help the children. For example, 'My dream school has a petting zoo because the children can come and spend time with the animals to help them feel calm and happy. Also, the children learn how to be responsible by taking care of the animals.'

Make sure you label it!

Once you have finished your poster, you could make your school out of recycled materials!