

Week 2

Chapter 5 of Harry Potter and the Philosopher Stone – Diagon Alley

Harry woke early the next morning. Although he could tell it was daylight, he kept his eyes shut tight. "It was a dream, he told himself firmly. "I dreamed a giant called Hagrid came to tell me I was going to a school for wizards. When I open my eyes I'll be at home in my cupboard." There was suddenly a loud tapping noise. It was Hagrid. It wasn't a dream at all.

Hagrid told Harry that they needed to go shopping for Harry's school supplies. They would need to visit Diagon Alley where you could buy all the things that witches and wizards would need. "What am I going to use to buy things with Hagrid," Harry asked. "Money," Hagrid replied, "from Gringotts bank, your parents left you lots of money Harry. You can use that".

Harry and Hagrid followed the secret passage way into Diagon Alley to collect the money from the bank and buy Harry's school equipment. They brought; Harry's school uniform, school books, stationary, a wand, cauldron, telescope, scales and an owl. Harry named the owl Hedwig.

Once they had brought the items that Harry needed, Hagrid took him to the train station to catch the train to Hogwarts. They needed to find platform nine and three-quarters. At King's Cross station in London, Harry searched for platform nine and three-quarters but he couldn't find it. There was nothing between platform nine and ten.

At that moment, Harry heard a family talking about platform nine and three-quarters. It was the Weasley family, they were wizards too. The family had four children; twins Fred and George, younger brother Ron and sister Ginny. It was Ron's first year at Hogwarts too, him and Harry would be good friends.

To get to platform nine and three-quarters Harry and Ron had to magically travel through the wall between platform nine and platform ten. They ran at the wall and came out the other side, noticing the beautiful train. They climbed on board and found a carriage to sit in. Inside was a young girl. Her name was Hermione Granger.

The train steamed off towards Hogwarts as the three friends chatted and shared sweets between them. They were all very excited to be going to Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.

Once they arrived at the school, they had to be sorted into classes. "The four classes 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 rule-breaking will lose house points. At the end of the year, the house with the most points is awarded the house cup, a great honour. I hope each of you will be a credit to whichever house becomes yours. The three friends were all sorted into Gryffindor.