

BIGGER THAN THE BULLIES

How would YOU feel?

HARRY (MY FRIEND)

Harry (my friend)
Is a spelling whizz
When it comes to words
He's the best there is

He's opposite me
And he's right dead clever
He never gets sums wrong
Not never, not ever

When we sit down for lessons
He's always the best
At knowing the answers
He aces each test

He can draw good too
Doing Batman and Flash
And he sketches cool words
That go 'POW', 'SWOOP' and 'SMASH'

He's the top of our class
With his big massive brain
But today he's not here.
Or he's late...

Again.

C'MON FATBOY

C'mon Fatboy
Let's have a race
Once round the yard
Let's check out your pace

C'mon Fatboy
I reckon you're fast
And you've been pretending
Each time you come last

C'mon Fatboy
We're talking to you
Ready, set, go
Do you know what to do?

C'mon Fatboy
We're all here to see
If you think you're better
You're better than me

C'mon Fatboy
Let's see you run
What's up Fatboy?
Don't you want to have fun?

Have a read of these two poems from 'Bigger than the Bullies'. Think about the characters in them. Which emotions do you think these children are feeling while this is all happening? See if you can come up with three different emotions words for the each of the following -

- How does Harry's friend feel?
- How do the children on the playground feel?
- How does Harry feel?



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Some things to talk about in your class

Harry is being singled out at school because he is the biggest person in his class. The children doing the bullying are trying to make him feel bad because of the way he looks.

Can you think of other ways that children might be singled out as being different like this? What would you do if you saw it happening?

Bullying can sometimes be people talking, shouting or laughing at someone else to make them feel bad. We call that 'Verbal' bullying.

Can you think of other ways that children might be bullied?

Is it only children that can be bullied? Do you think that adults have sometimes had this happen to them as well?

The big question of course is - If you saw something like this happening...

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

Could you be a good listener? Do you know which adult in school would be the best to tell? Try and think of an action plan in your head.

Finally, keep your eyes and ears open - you never know when you'll meet a Harry who might need someone to talk to!

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