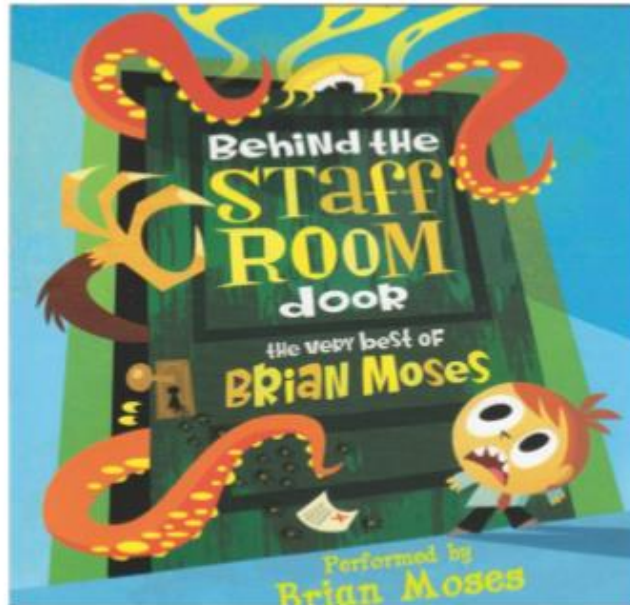


What do you think you might be going on behind the staffroom door?



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one collapsed when the coffee ran out, then there were nine.

Nine tired teachers making lists of things they hate,
one remembered playground duty, then there were eight.

Eight tired teachers thinking of holidays in Devon,
one slipped off to pack his case, then there were seven.

Seven tired teachers, weary of children's tricks,

one hid in the stock cupboard, then there were six.

Six tired teachers, under the weather, barely alive,
one gave an enormous sneeze, then there were five.

Five tired teachers gazing at the open door,
one made a quick getaway, then there were four.

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Things to discuss:

- What pattern can you see in the poem?
- Did you like/ dislike the poem? Why?

Task:

- So what do you think goes on behind Chilton's staffroom door?
- Use the same model as Brian Moses' poem but create your own!
- Be as imaginative and creative as possible!