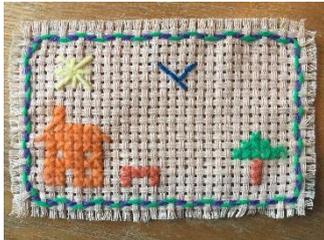
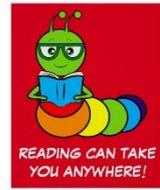


# Guess the teacher!

**What is your earliest memory?** I went to a playgroup twice a week. We had special playgroup shoes which were kept in numbered bags on pegs. My number was 7!

**Were you naughty when you were younger?** Not really, but I often tried to read my favourite books at night after bedtime, using the street light outside to light up the pages! Like most children, I argued with my sister and brother sometimes.



**What was the best thing about school?** There were loads of best bits! I loved the projects we completed and sewing lessons, which we had every week. There was a woodland in our school grounds and we were allowed to play there at lunchtimes. That was a lot of fun! I learnt to play lots of musical instruments and played in assembly every day. We organised a big charity sale in aid of the Ethiopian famine appeal which was another highlight.

**What was the worst thing about school?** We had a compulsory milk time every morning for the first year. In the winter sometimes the milk had frozen and in summer the milk was warm! Yuck! Then there was a new government and milk was scrapped!

**Were you ever told off?** Yes, mainly for trying to be too helpful!

**Who was your best friend at school?** Her name was Natalie and her brothers kept snakes. We used to practise gym routines in her living room!



**What did you want to be when you grew up?** I loved designing my ideal house and wanted to be an architect. When I was at secondary school I got to do some work experience in an architect's office.



**What was your favourite food?** Roast dinner and rhubarb crumble – these are still favourites today so I grow rhubarb in my garden and make my own.

**Did you like school dinners?** When I first went to school, school dinners were compulsory. I used to try to hide the worst bits underneath my cutlery, but often got caught! Soggy semolina was quite tasty but not the stringy beans!

**Did you like your teachers?** Almost all of them, yes. My favourite was Miss Farr – she did amazing art lessons with my class and introduced us to netball.

**What were you frightened of when you were a child?** Escalators, lifts and getting on and off trains.

**What colour was your school uniform?** Green and grey



**What was your favourite subject?** When I first started school I liked going to the library for the weekly TV programme. We all piled in, the huge television was wheeled in and then we waited for the programme to start...which it did, eventually. Later on I loved art lessons and any lesson involving making things.

**Did you always do your homework?** Yes. It was mainly learning spellings and times tables in primary school. My favourite homework was making a map of my village – it was huge!

**What was your favourite animal?** Our family pet hamster, Hami.