

Nigel's New School

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Once there was a very special bear called Nigel. He and his family lived in a little house on the edge of the woods. Nigel went to a small school where he had lots of friends, and lots of grown up animals to help him, and he felt really happy there.

There was Mrs. Giraffe who helped him all the time at school. There was Mrs. Elephant who was in charge of the whole school, and Mrs. Squirrel who worked in the office. His Teacher was Mrs. Hedgehog, and there were lots of other animals there to help if he needed them. Which was a good thing, because there were some things Nigel found difficult.



Nigel did not like noise, or crowds. He worried someone might touch him or his stuff, and he didn't like being touched unless he was ready to be touched, and he didn't want anyone to take his stuff away. He didn't like to wear his school uniform jumper because it was scratchy and tickly and itchy. He didn't like it when he had done his work and he had to do it again. He'd already done it! It was so unfair. And he really didn't like it when animals said they would do something then didn't do it.

In fact, the world seemed quite scary, annoying and unpredictable. Especially the other animals. And now there was a new scary annoying thing happening. Nigel was all grown up and he had to leave his school and go to a new one.

One day Nigel visited his new school and Mrs. Giraffe went with him.



They met some of the animals there. And he got a big surprise! They were all bears, just like him! All the grown up animals were bears! There was Mrs. Busy bear who was in charge of the whole school. There was Mrs. Gentle bear who was his Teacher. In the office was Mrs. Sorter bear, and there was Mrs. Bouncy bear who was his key helper.



When Nigel went to school on his first day all the grown up bears were there to help. Then Nigel had another surprise! All the other animals in his class were bears too! They were just like him!

They were like him in another way too. There were things they found difficult, but they weren't always the same things as Nigel found difficult. There was Horace who didn't like writing and didn't even want to try. There was Mabel who worried a lot about her Mum and wanted to go home. There was Julie who cried because she didn't have any friends at the school yet and she felt lonely and worried.

The big bears understood how the small bears felt, and Nigel understood how the others felt. So they could all help each other. And even though sometimes he missed the animals at his old school, Nigel was very happy at his new school.

