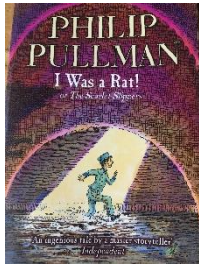




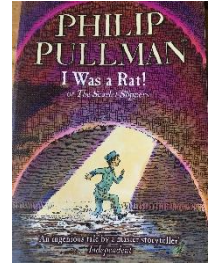
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Blackbirds and Wrens: English

Summer Term 2nd half

Week 7 – week beginning 13th July



Welcome to the final week of 'I Was a Rat!'. Roger is about to be presented in court and a judge is to decide whether or not he will be exterminated. The final part of the story is action-packed and contains a brilliant twist right at the end. Be prepared for a roller-coaster ride through to the end of Roger's tale (tail?!)

As before, the activity sheets and linked sound recordings will be on your class Starz page.

Have fun with your learning!

Mr Walker and Mr Butler

Activity 1: Stand by your man

Listen to **Section 10** of the story on Starz. What do you think Bob will say when he stands up in the courtroom? How will he persuade the judge to save Roger? On the pages below, write Bob's speech. Think back to our learning last week and use the positive emotive words you came up with to describe Roger in your writing. Remember, Roger's life will depend on what you say – you will need to be at your most persuasive!

Activity 2: Help!

Please listen to **Section 11** of the story. We have nearly finished Roger's story now – what do you think will happen at the end of the book? How could Mary Jane help Roger? On the page below, write your predictions for the end of the story. To extend your ideas, try to include reasons for why you think certain things may happen.



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Activity 3: This is the end

Listen to the final extract of the story – **Section 12** and look at the final newspaper report from the book. What do you think about the twist at the end of the story? Did you see it coming? Write your ideas on the pages below. Following this, can you think of another minor character in a fairy tale that might have a story written about them? Create a cartoon storyboard on the page below to sketch out your ideas.

Activity 4: It's the end of the book as we know it

Please complete a book review for 'I Was a Rat!'. You may choose to use the template that follows or create your own newspaper-style review. Why not get creative in your presentation? There are checklists for writing your own book reviews below: (These files are also on your Starz pages)

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/t2-e-1615-features-of-a-book-review-writing-checklist>





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Activity 1: Stand by your man

Bob is about to give the most important speech of his life in the courtroom. He will try to persuade the judge not to exterminate Roger. What will he say? Write Bob's speech below, using emotive language to convince the judge not to kill Roger.

Words you might use:

innocent	caring	kind	sweet
young	helpless	defenceless	
confused	not a monster	childlike	beautiful
learning	belonging	plead	
appeal	nature	humanity	save

Your honour, I am here today to.....



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A large rectangular area containing 20 horizontal lines, intended for writing.



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Activity 2: Help!

What do you think will happen at the end of the story? Write your predictions in the box below, including reasons for your ideas.

I think that...

A picture from the end of the story

Activity 3: This is the final newspaper report from *The Daily Scourge* in the book. Please read it carefully.

The Daily Scourge

MIRACLE OF PRINCESS AND 'MONSTER'

There were extraordinary scenes yesterday outside the Palace as the news emerged of Princess Aurelia's miracle intervention in the so-called 'Monster' case.

As many had suspected, the 'Monster' was nothing of the sort.

A FAIRY-TALE PRINCESS

It took the clear-sighted vision of a fairy-tale Princess to penetrate to the heart of the matter, and see the astounding truth:

THE MONSTER WAS ONLY A LITTLE BOY.

Not a subhuman fiend. Not a venom-dripping beast from the nethermost pit of hell.

Just a normal little fellow like any other. Mischievous, perhaps – but evil?

Not in a month of Sundays!

LUCKY TO BE ALIVE

The boy is to be released into the care of foster-parents, and apprenticed to a decent trade.

THE SCOURGE SAYS:

GOD BLESS PRINCESS AURELIA!


There's no corner of the world so dark that a little ray of magic from a Princess's heart can't light it up.

As for these self-appointed 'experts' and 'philosophers':

WHERE IS THEIR COMPASSION?

Thanks to Princess Aurelia, a little boy can sleep safe tonight.

How many more innocent children are under threat from our cruel cold-hearted system of so-called justice?



Princess or angel?

Read more about Princess Aurelia on pages 2-13

A fairy tale made in heaven, by our Royal Correspondent pp. 14-16

Private pictures from Princess Aurelia's family collection pp. 17-19

Special feature: Princess Aurelia's favourite charities pp. 20-21

Interview with Princess Aurelia's hairdresser p. 22

Beauty tips by Princess Aurelia's personal make-up expert p. 23

Compassion: the latest health secret p. 24



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What did you think of the end of the story? Did you see the twist coming? Was it a good way to end the story? Write your ideas in the box below:

I thought that...



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Can you now think of another minor character from a fairy tale who might have their own story written about them? Create a storyboard for them below, sketching out your ideas of what might happen.

Possible characters might include: the woodcutter from Little Red Riding Hood, the three little pigs' mother, Baby Bear from Goldilocks etc.



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Activity 4: Book review

Using either the template below, or your own design, create a book review for 'I Was a Rat!'.

<p>Book Title: _____</p> <p>Author: _____</p> <p>Fiction or Non-fiction: _____</p>	<p>What is the book about?</p>	<p>Who would you recommend the book to? Why?</p>
<p>Rating:</p> <p>★ ★ ★ ★ ★</p>		
<p>What ages and interests is this book suitable for? Why?</p>	<p>Book Illustration</p>	