The Lesson Structure

My Thinking

Continuing with our focus on persuasive text, I selected a book that would provide engaging stimulus for a lesson on ‘discussion’.

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Sharing the story:
The story was read aloud to the students. They found the extra long-very descriptive sentences for humans entertaining and loved the quirky illustrations.
The question to be discussed was "Do rats have a better life than humans?"

Lists were constructed on the board detailing the advantages and disadvantages of being a rat, as compared to a human. Sentence starters for discussion sentences were suggested... eg on the other hand, however etc.

Setting the Learning Intention:
We presented the Learning Intention to the students but asked the students to help us write the success criteria.
Learning Intention: Students will understand that a discussion presents both sides of an issue and allows the reader to form their own opinion on the issue.

Success Criteria: Students agreed that they would need to include sentences that supported the statement and sentences that disagreed with the statement.

Embedding the Technology - Blogging
As in previous lessons the students wrote statements that could be used as a comment on the class blog.