

As her foot hit the ground Amelia felt very peculiar, very peculiar indeed.

A chill pulsed through her body – she was freezing! Her toes *tingled* and her knees *trembled*, then her skin began to *prickle* and her nose started to *tickle*. Amelia’s breathing became quicker, and then . . .

HICCUP!

She hiccuped. All of a sudden, the *tingling, trembling, prickling* and *tickling* stopped. But Amelia was still so cold and she was still incredibly cross – she wasn’t going to let those mean Year 6 kids get to her.

Feeling a little dizzy, Amelia steadied herself against a nearby wall. As she lifted her hand, she gasped. Her hands had changed colour! She glanced down in disbelief. It wasn’t just her hands that had changed colour – her entire uniform had changed! Amelia stared at her arms, hands and legs in astonishment. Instead of her skin and her uniform, all she could see was a dusty-red colour with white stripes across it.

Amelia searched for her reflection in the window opposite, but she was nowhere to be seen. She examined her hands and arms once again. They were the same colour as the brick column behind her. Her skin was like brickwork!

‘This must be a dream. There is no way I’ve turned into a pile of bricks,’ whispered Amelia. She pinched herself. ‘OUCH! Okay, maybe this isn’t a dream.’

Amelia was so shocked, she could barely breathe. Then, in her panic, she remembered something she had learned in science.

‘CAMOUFLAGE! That’s it! Of course I haven’t turned into a pile of bricks.’

Along with English, science was one of Amelia’s favourite subjects and earlier in the year they had spent a whole lesson learning about camouflage. This was when an animal could blend in with their surroundings. Amelia had done a whole project on the chameleon – a lizard-like animal that could change its skin colour to keep it hidden from danger.

Amelia had been fascinated by camouflage at the time, but now it had taken on a whole new meaning. Amelia was freaked out, but she was also excited. This was AMAZING. *She* was camouflaged! *She* was INVISIBLE!