Can discuss a book that has been read, taking turns and listening to what others have to say. Can ask questions to improve understanding of the text.

Can infer characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions and justify these inferences with evidence from the text. Can identify a main idea from an extract of text.

Be able to justify their views drawing evidence from the text and explain their understanding through presentation and debate.

Star vocabulary

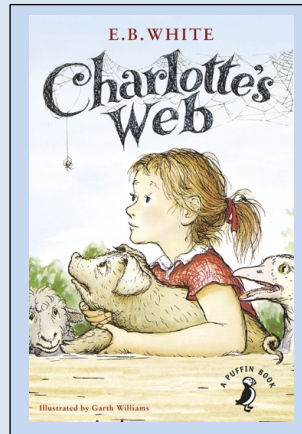**Runt** an animal that is small compared to the others, or the weakest and smallest of a litter

Dejected sad and depressed

Gullible easily tricked or believe anything one is told

Humble modest and not proud

Salutations greetings indicating respect and affection

Reconsider to think again about a decision and change your mind

E.B. WHITE
Charlotte's Web
A PUFFIN BOOK
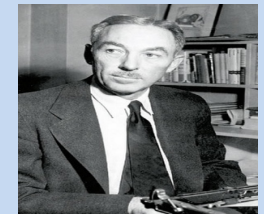Illustrated by Garth Williams

Context

Set on a very mundane and ordinary farm around 1930-1950. The book is based on friendship, loyalty and determination.

Although a variety of animals all live in the barn they have no desire to be friends but the friendship between Wilbur and Charlotte inspire the others and in the end they work as a team.

Genre

Fiction

Author – E. B. White

An important contributor to the New Yorker during the 1930s.

He started writing children's books after his niece suggested it.

He wrote his first story in 1945.

Died on October 1 1985.

Key characters

Wilbur the main character – starts off small

Charlotte a web building spider who is the mother figure to Wilbur

Fern Arable A little girl who saves Wilbur from an untimely death

Mr Zukerman Fern's uncle

Templeton A rat who helps Charlotte to save Wilbur