

Able to demonstrate what I have read, talking about characters, events and settings and answer a range of questions about the text.

Recognise that texts and books are structured in different ways and discuss words and phrases that capture the reader's interest. I can understand and explain the meaning of words in context.

Able to understand what I have read by asking questions, retrieving and recording facts, drawing inferences and identifying how language and structure contribute to meaning.

Star vocabulary

Waddled to walk with short steps and a clumsy swaying motion

Yowling to make a loud, wailing cry

Squeals a long high-pitched cry or noise

Snuffled breathe noisily through the nose due to a cold or crying

Trotting to move at a pace faster than a walk

Perched to sit on, or near the edge of something

Rustlers sheep stealers



Key characters

Babe the pig

Mass the sheep

Fly the dog

Farmer Hogget

An effective sheepdog

- Natural instinct
- Natural power
- Patience
- Learns quickly
- Never worries sheep
- Quietly determined

Context

A sheepdog helps the farmer to gather together and move livestock easily.

While they are mostly used to herd sheep, they can also help with cows, pigs and even poultry.

They also enable the farmers to use their land more efficiently as moving the sheep around is much simpler with a sheepdog.

Author-Dick King-Smith



Born 27th March 1922

Lived in the West Country in England.

He was a farmer and a soldier, as well as an author.

His most famous book is 'The Sheep Pig' (which is also called 'Babe the Gallant Pig' in the United States).

Babe, an orphaned piglet is won at a fair by farmer Hoggett.

He is soon adopted by the kind sheep-dog, Fly.

Babe knows he'll never be a sheepdog but perhaps with lots of hard work might become a sheep-pig.