

## Knowledge Organiser Spring 2 - Year 4

This half term Ruby Class will be focusing on literacy reading the classic children's story 'Charlotte's Web' by E. B. White.

### **Plot Overview**

Wilbur, a pig, is saved by a young girl named Fern. He's sold to the Zuckermans, where he meets Charlotte, a friendly spider. When Wilbur faces the threat of being butchered, Charlotte writes messages in her web to save him. Through her cleverness and kindness, Charlotte helps Wilbur escape death.

### **Key characters**

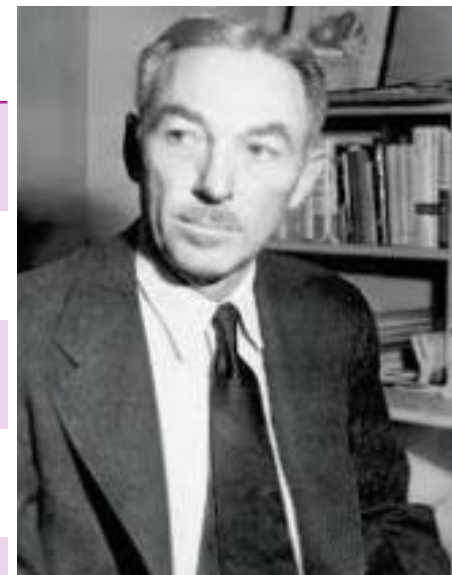
<b>Wilbur</b>	A young, kind-hearted pig who is the main character in the story.
<b>Fern</b>	A young girl who saves Wilbur the pig from being eaten.
<b>Charlotte</b>	A wise and caring spider who befriends Wilbur and tries to save his life.
<b>Templeman</b>	A selfish rat who helps Wilbur in exchange for food.
<b>Mr Zuckerman</b>	The owner of the barn where Wilbur lives.

### Key Vocabulary

<b>Friendship</b>	- a supportive relationship between people who care for each other.
<b>Loyalty</b>	- a strong feeling of support for someone or something.
<b>Devotion</b>	- a deep commitment or dedication.
<b>Tragic</b>	- something that causes great sorrow or sadness due to loss.
<b>Butcher</b>	- a person who slaughters animals for their meat.
<b>Web</b>	- a complex structure of silk threads created by a spider to catch their prey.

### **Top Quote**

"Can I have a pig, too, Pop?" asked Avery. "No, I only distribute pigs to early risers," said Mr. Arable. "Fern was up at daylight, trying to rid the world of injustice. As a result, she now has a pig. A small one, to be sure, but nevertheless a pig. It just shows what can happen if a person gets out of bed promptly."



### **About the Author**

Elwyn Brooks White (1899-1985) was an American author, born in New York, who wrote many children's classics such as 'The tale of Stuart Little' and 'The trumpet of the swan'. The youngest of 6 children, he moved from the city onto a farm he bought with his wife in 1938 and took inspiration for Charlotte's Web when he bought a pig for the farm and after nursing the pig through sickness decided to keep it as a pet.