

**PARAGON CONVENT SCHOOL**

**SECTOR – 24 B CHANDIGARH**

**CLASS – V , NOVEL**

**CHARLOTTE’S WEB ( CHAPTER – 1 )**

**SUMMARY OF CHAPTER – 1**

Early one morning , eight year old Fern Arable notices her father leaving the house with an axe. Her mother explains that one of the pigs born the previous night is a runt( weak and small pig ) and Mr.Arable is on his way to kill it.

Fern is distress and rushes out to catch up with her father .She grabs the axe and begs him not to kill the piglet. Mr.Arable tries to explain that it’s the only sensible course of action. Fern is annoyed at the injustice to be done to the baby pig and started crying. Her father pauses with a strange look on his face , and then says he’ll bring the little pig to the house. Fern can bottle-raise it herself.

A few minutes later , Fern finds the tiny pig in a box on her kitchen chair and falls in love on the spot. Her brother Avery asks for a pig of his own ,but Mr.Arable refuses. Fern puts the pig on her lap and gives him his first bottle. Then she and Avery rushes to catch the school bus. At school , Fern decides to name her new pig ' Wilbur '.

## **NOTEBOOK WORK**

### **1. Fill in the blanks**

1. Wilbur is a runt.
2. Fern is an early riser .
3. Avery is Fern's brother.

### **2. Answer the following questions.**

1. Why was Fern's father going to kill the piglet ?

Ans) Fern's father was going to kill the piglet because it was too small and weak . It will never amount to anything.

2. Why did Fern name the piglet 'Wilbur'?

Ans ) Fern named the piglet Wilbur because it was the most beautiful name she could think of .