Esio Trot

* Esio Trot' is 'Tortoise' spelt backwards. Try spelling other words backwards. Do they make a funny word? Do they make a real word?
* Find out about Palindromes... words that can be read the same way in either direction (e.g. dad, level, noon). Can you think of anymore?
* Find out about? Semordnilap... words that make a different word when you read them backwards (e.g. star = rats, stop = pots, stressed = desserts). Can you find other examples?
* Can you make a list of 5 palindromes, 5 semordnilap and three words that are funny spelt backwards?

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

How would the local people have felt when Willy Wonka’s chocolate factory was closed down?

Who would have felt sad? (Sweet shop owners)

Who would have felt happy? (e.g. dentists)

Talk through your ideas with someone in your house. Can you write a letter to the local newspaper in role, explaining, why you are pleased/sad that Willy Wonka’s chocolate factory has closed? Try to include:

Who you are

A bit about yourself

Explain why you are happy/ sad

How your life will be different after the closure.

Remember to set your work out as a letter and give a clear introduction and ending.

Charlotte’s Web

Wilbur is starting to feel sad and lonely because he is missing Fern in this chapter.

Imagine that Wilbur has written a letter to an Agony Aunt/ Uncle because he is upset about his current situation. Can you write a reply to Wilbur’s letter about feeling lonely?

Try to think about

How would you help someone who’s feeling lonely? What advice would you give them to cheer them up? Why is he lonely? How can he make it better for himself? How can you encourage somebody to?

Try to include:

* Use connectives to present different points of view
* Informal (chatty) style
* Sympathise with your reader
* Put in your point of view
* Use IMPERTIVE verbs
* Sum up your advice at the end