**Discussion ideas for …**

**Fizzlebert Stump and the Bearded Boy by A. F. Harrold**

* Where does a story start? Take the example of being late for school and make a list of ridiculous reasons why it happened. Pages 2-3 will help you get started
* What do you think would be the advantages/disadvantages of being in a circus?
* Fizzlebert worked out that the Barboozuls were up to no good. Did you think they were the ones causing all the problems in the circus? Where in the story did you work it out?
* What was your reaction to finding out the beards were false? Did you ever think they were real?
* Fizzlebert is worried about what will happen to the acts if the circus has to disband.What other jobs do you think the circus people could do?
* Did you like/dislike the style in which the book was written? Can you think of any other books with a similar style?