**Discussion ideas for …**

**The Sleeping Army by Francesca Simon**

* Francesca Simon is better known for writing the Horrid Henry series. What differences/similarities has the author used in her style of writing? Compare similarities /differences of Freya’s character with Horrid Henry’s.

* Which character was your favourite? Use your imagination and describe your character’s good and bad points.
* Do you think Freya was brave or foolhardy to blow the horn? Do you think she regretted her actions? Would you have blown it?

* According to the story, why were the chess pieces so glum?
* Loki was a shape-shifter and slipped into the sleeping army disguised as Sleipnir the horse. What would you shape-shift into and why?
* Discuss how Freya got the nut from Hel.
* What did you think of the ending? Was it what you expected? What do you think Freya will do with the falcon feather, the arm band and Alfi’s brooch? Do you think there might be another story about Freya? What would you call that book?