**Discussion ideas for …**

**Dara Palmer’s Major Drama by Emma Shevah**

* Adoption is a big theme in this book. Do you know anyone who is adopted? Do they talk about how they feel?
* Do you have a brother or a sister? Do you get on well together? If not, why? If you don’t get on, do you think you will be friends one day? If you get on with them, what sort of things do you like doing together? Do you stand up for your brother or sister if you need to?
* In the story, Dara desperately wants to play Maria. She thinks it is because she is Cambodian that she doesn’t get the part. If someone is different from you, e.g. skin colour, hair colour, maybe a physical disability, maybe deaf, would you treat them differently to other people? Do you just accept that everyone is different and treat everyone the same? Why should it be like this?