**Discussion ideas for …**

**The Porridge of Knowledge by Archie Kimpton**

* Milk knew the recipe for porridge but was surprised by the extra ingredients inside the back cover of “The Porridge of Knowledge” book (pages18-19). What did you think? Would it be tasty? Would you eat it if it made you extra clever?
* Discuss the main characters in the story. Who did you like? Was there anybody you disliked?
* The Porridge of Knowledge starts to have strange effects on creatures and humans. What did you make of the powers of the porridge?
* What did you think of Jarvis and his cupcakes? Would you have wanted to go to his café after that?
* The story is quite a funny one but also has serious issues, such as Grandad’s forgetfulness. Do you think the two threads of the story fit together? Is it a good idea to put serious issues into a humorous story?