**Discussion ideas for …**

**How to be a Pirate by Cressida Cowell**

1. *“Hiccup is, in fact, the Hero of this story, although you would never have guessed this to look at him”*

*(page 16)*

Why do you think Hiccup Horrendous the Third is the most unlikely Hero? How does he manage to overcome the obstacles? Can you see any of your own traits and characteristics in Hiccup?

1. At the end of the story, Hiccup manages to defeat both Alvin the Terrible **and** Grimbeard the Ghastly’s last booby trap (the Monsterous Strangulator) before coming up with a plan to get back to Hooligan Village alive. Did you like this ending? If you could change it, how would you want the story to end?
2. What do you know about pirates? If you have read any other books that feature pirates, how do the Hairy Hooligans compare? Do you think they are realistic?