**Discussion ideas for …**

**Breaking the Spell by Lari Don**

* In the tale of “The Selkie’s Toes”, what do you think the real reason is that the Uncle disliked the Selkies?
* Fairytales often end with a “and they all lived happily ever after”. Do you think stories should always have a happy ending? Discuss your reasons for this as a group.
* Many traditional tales have a moral message. Did you recognise any in these stories and if you did, discuss them as a group. How did they make you think and feel?
* Did you have a favourite tale? If you did, which one was it and why?
* These stories are surprisingly gruesome. Is this what you expected from a fairytale? Do you think this adds to the story? Give reasons for your answers.