**Discussion ideas for …**

**Mooneboy: The Blunder Years by Chris O’Dowd & Nick Murphy**

* Think about imaginary friends. Do you think this is a good thing to have or not? Do you believe in them? If not why not, and if you do then explain why.
* Discuss the differences between the 1980’s when the book was set and the present day.
* Martin was being bullied in the book. Do you know your school’s anti-bullying policy? Do you think he handled dealing with the bullies appropriately? What would you recommend anyone being bullied should do?
* The book has illustrations throughout. Do you enjoy this in a chapter book or do you prefer this style to be kept to a picture book? Would this put you off or encourage you to read a book even more?