**Discussion ideas for …**

**AniMalcolm by David Baddiel**

* The story begins as Malcolm’s family sing “Happy Birthday” to him before he opens his present. Malcolm is expecting a computer but gets a chinchilla. Have you ever been given something you didn’t want as a gift?
* Malcolm’s family are obsessed with animals, but he isn’t. Are you fond of animals or not? Do you have a pet or would you like one?
* How do you think Malcolm turned into a tortoise? What did K-Pax have to do with it?
* If you were to turn into an animal, which one would it be and why?
* Why do you think the author chose Sunday as the day of the week for the animals to go to the city?
* In your group, discuss how the story ends. Was it what you expected or not?