**Discussion ideas for …**

**The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins**

* Was Katniss the true and innocent heroine?Katniss is portrayed as the heroine and we are supposed to believe that what she does is right as she is doing it for her sister. We are also supposed to believe Cato and Clove, the tributes from 2, are the antagonists but all they are doing is fighting to go home. Even if they train, wouldn’t anyone train if it meant they may not die? Even with this the maths show that Katniss has the highest kill count of any tribute at 4, while Cato and Clove kill less. Despite this she is the hero. Shouldn’t she be deducted from this as she killed 4 innocent kids, Glimmer, Marvel, 4 Female and Cato? Shouldn’t we really aim to be like Foxface and hide through the games, trying to win using brain and not brawn, having no kills rather than kills for a reason? Discuss in your group.
* Why are the kids forced to fight, having a victor at the end? If the Capitol wanted to seek revenge why not just kill 24 kids? Why do they spend so much money on creating an arena, making mutts and broadcasting an event to punish the districts across the whole of Panem? Discuss in your group.
* Why does the action of two tributes, Katniss and Peeta, cause revolt against the games, while for 73 years nothing has happened when tributes have died and won? Why do they follow when Katniss and Peeta are courageous enough to stand up and try to change the outcome? Why do you think people did not rebel when the games were created? What is different now?