**Discussion ideas for …**

**Letters from the Lighthouse by Emma Carroll**

* Does the scary and life-changing journey of the refugees travelling by boat remind you of similar stories in the news right now?
* How do you think those people must feel leaving their country and all their belongings behind to try to reach a safer place?
* How do you think you would have felt if you were Olive or Cliff in World War 2? Discuss having to leave your family to be moved to safety in the countryside, leaving your home with only a suitcase and your name around your neck.
* So many people in the book have secrets. Why do you think they were so secretive during this time?
* Would you like to live in a village like Budmouth Point? Can you think of some good and bad things about living in such a small and close knit village?
* Letters and messages play a huge part in the book. How is this different to the way we communicate today? Do you still write letters or notes if you are trying to be secretive?