**Discussion ideas for …**

**The Explorer by Katherine Rundell**

* “You’re right to be afraid, be brave anyway” is a line spoken in the book by the Explorer. What do you think he means by this?
* There is a strong environmental message in this book. Talk about how the author develops a love for the jungle (through her descriptive styles and language) with the reader and ultimately gets the reader to think about these issues.
* The children are all very different and they all have their own struggles in life that they bring into the jungle with them. How do you think these struggles affect them? Also how do they overcome them and develop as people?
* You never learn the true identity of “The Explorer”. Why do you think this is and did it add to your enjoyment of the story?