**Discussion ideas for …**

**Spy Toys by Mark Powers**

* One of the major themes in ‘Spy Toys’ is ‘defective toys’. These toys have a quality that others consider ‘faulty’, and they are treated differently because of it. Why is it important to treat everyone equally, regardless of their skin colour, religion, sexuality, disabilities, etc.? It is important to remember that something we see as a negative quality about ourselves, may actually be our greatest strength.
* What could toys represent in this book? Is it possible they represent children, who are also often underestimated? Who else is underestimated in the real world?
* To succeed, the toys had to work as a team. How did they work as a team? Did they argue or did they each use their own strengths to come up with a solution? What does this tell us about working in teams?