**Discussion ideas for …**

**A Boy and a Bear in a Boat by Dave Shelton**

* What do you think it would be like to go on an adventure in a boat with only a bear for company?
* How do you think you would feel if the bear was rowing and rowing and all you could see was the sea? The boy is worried about running out of food and drink. What do you think your main concerns would be?
* As the journey went on, the bear and the boy built up a relationship. Discuss things like how they came to know each other better and how they interacted.
* Discuss the chapter (from page 164) when the creature emerged from the sea. Was it scary?
* The boy and the bear have many lucky escapes. Which was your favourite? Which one made you think that they might not survive?
* What do you think happens after the book ends?