**Discussion ideas for …**

**The Peculiar Peggs of Riddling Woods by Samuel J. Halpin**

* Discuss the main characters in the book. What do you like or dislike about them? In what way are some of them “different”?
* Poppy became very involved with Erasmus, trying to solve what had happened to those who had disappeared from Sugs. What do you think might be the best bits in trying to solve a mystery and what might be scary?
* Discuss what you think it was like for Poppy to be left with her Gran whilst her dad went off to work.
* The book is like a dark fairy tale. Talk about your favourite fairy tales from when you were younger. In what ways do authors make them the basis of their stories? Can you think of other books you have read based on fairy tales?
* Gran had lots of strange rules-1. All washing must be done during the day. Bring your clothes in off the washing line (even if they are wet) before six o’clock every night. 2. All sugar cubes are to be kept under lock and key. 3. At night close your window, lock it, and draw the curtains. 4. NEVER, DON’T YOU EVER, dust the window sills. What do you think of them?