**Discussion ideas for …**

**The Wizards of Once by Cressida Cowell**

* We are told on page 112, that “the first seeds of doubt” were sown when Wish spoke to the giant and saw his kind face. Discuss this and why you think it might be a very important part of the story.
* When Xar and his brother, Looter, meet in “The Spelling Competition”, do you think they could have reacted differently towards each other? Why do you think they reacted like this? Don’t forget to give reasons for your answers.
* Why do you think Xar continues to keep on lying about the Love-Never-Lies potion on page 198 and what do you think he should have done?
* On page 208, we are told that it is “invention” that requires more magical powers than “demolition”. Discuss what you think this means and if you think it’s important to the story and why.
* Now you’ve read this book, discuss if you’d rather be a Wizard or a Warrior and why you chose the option you did.
* If you read the epilogue it might leave you asking two questions. These are; 1. What is the meaning of this story and 2.Who is the narrator? Discuss both these questions and what you think the answers might be.