**Discussion ideas for …**

**Sam Wu is NOT Afraid of Sharks by Katie & Kevin Tsang**

* On page 8, Sam says that “apparently, bravery is something you have to prove over and over again”. Discuss what you think he means by this and the reasons why you agree or disagree with it.
* Sam is very concerned that people think he’s not brave. What do you think? Is he brave? Think about and discuss how you think the other characters in the book make Sam feel and why.
* On page 106, Sam uses a metaphor to describe the dilemma of going to the party. Discuss this use of a metaphor. Does it help you understand or empathise with the character? Can you think of others, either in this story or others you have read or used in class? Perhaps you could also try writing your own story using some metaphors.
* Do you think it is fair of Sam to stop everyone else going to the party? You could read page 153 again to help you discuss this as a group.
* On page 161, Sam mentions that he thinks he might have more in common with Ralph than he thought. Why do you think Sam thinks this? Don’t forget to discuss reasons for your answer and provide other examples from the story too.