**Discussion ideas for …**

**The Fox Busters by Dick King-Smith**

* At the start of the story, the young chickens find a humbug that has fallen out of the farmer’s pocket. What other things might you find on a farm for chickens to play with?
* One of the newly hatched chickens flew when she was only an hour old. Discuss how you think her mum (Spillers) and dad (Massey Harris) felt?
* Chapter 4 tells us about how the foxes find it difficult to catch chickens. It is a bit gruesome in parts. Do you accept this as nature, or did you find it difficult to read about?
* Discuss how the foxes and the chickens both prepared for their revenge on each other.
* Although there were many sad episodes in the book, did you enjoy the chickens’ victory at the end? Give your reasons as to why or why not.