**Discussion ideas for …**

**The Star Outside My Window by Onjali Q. Rauf**

* Aniyah and Noah are in foster care with Mrs Iwuchukwu. Aniyah can’t speak and can’t eat, and Noah wets the bed. Discuss what you think are the reasons for these behaviours.
* There are another two boys living there, Ben and Travis and Sophie. What did you think of the two boys and how they put their chance of being adopted at risk to help Aniyah get to London? Why do you think Sophie was mean to them all, although she changed later in the story?
* Aniyah is clinging on to the idea that the new star is her mum’s heart. The two boys help Aniyah come up with a plan to get into the Royal Observatory in Greenwich to let the people there know that the star must be named Discuss in your group the plans they made and how it all turned out. Which parts of the journey were the most terrifying, most difficult to believe and most heart-warming?
* By the end of the book, we know the background stories of all the children and Mrs Iwuchukwu. How did these stories make you feel?
* If the author were to write a sequel to this book, what do you think would happen in it?