**Discussion ideas for …**

**Beyond the Odyssey by Maz Evans**

* In chapter 5, page 74, Elliot hits Mr Boil. Discuss this event and reference how and why Virgo tries to explain it.
* In chapter 14, Elliot uses the Chaos Stones to control the weather and escape the Cyclops. Discuss how having this power could be a good thing but also a bad thing. Think about climate change or what you would do with the stones and perhaps, the impact of both.
* A popular theme that runs throughout the book is the symbolism of being imprisoned. Think about Josie and Dave Hooper as well as some of the other characters and think about being imprisoned as more than a physical, actual thing. Discuss the relevance of the different “imprisonments” to the story.
* On page 217, Virgo asks Elliot for some advice on whether it is best to base her decisions on doing the right thing or doing what is best to get what you want. Discuss this together in the context of events and actions of the characters in this story.
* On page 269, Zeus says that he doesn’t believe in fate, but he does believe in choices. Discuss what it means, what choices were made by characters in the story and how these choices helped to develop the story.