**Discussion ideas for …**

**Icarus Was Ridiculous by Pamela Butchart**

* Discuss whether or not reading these retellings of Ancient Greek Myths has made you want to find out and read more about the tales they are based on. Don’t forget to give reasons for your answers.
* Although these stories are retellings, told in a funny way, the moral message is still very clear. Discuss each story and say what you think is the important message in each one. As a clue, think about how the characters behaved, what behaviour got them into trouble and how it could have been avoided if they had acted differently.
* Discuss as a group your favourite and least favourite story from the book.

* You may have heard some of the phrases in this story before, such as “Achilles heel”, “Midas touch” and “Trojan horse”. Discuss if you’ve heard these before and your understanding of them now after reading this book. If you’ve not heard of them before, perhaps you could talk about them with your family and then report back what they had to say about them.
* Do you know any other ancient myths from any other cultures? If you do, discuss them as a group and perhaps you could decide on some favourites and do some follow up reading.