**Discussion ideas for …**

**Stig of the Dump by Clive King**

* The ground at the edge of the disused chalk pit gave way and Barney landed in a sort of cave. He had been told many times to stay away from there. Have you ever done something that you were told not to, and it had consequences?
* Barney’s family think that Stig is an imaginary friend. How do you think this made Barney feel? Was his family right to not believe him?
* Barney is a boy who quite likes being on his own. How do his adventures with Stig change him?
* Which part of the story did you find most scary? Was it when Barney fell into the cave and met Stig, the leopard missing from the circus or something else? Discuss in your group.
* What did you think of the ending of the story? Do you think Barney and Stig will ever meet again? If so where and when?