**Discussion ideas for …**

**The Elsewhere Emporium by Ross MacKenzie**

* The story jumps between the present and the past. As a reader, did you enjoy this? Did it add to the excitement of the story? Did it keep you guessing as to how the story was going to unfold? Or did you find it confusing and wish it had been told differently? Don’t forget to give reasons for your answers.
* On page 108, Ellie says “I wish I’d made more of an effort to get to know him”. Discuss what you think Ellie means by this.
* On page 138, Edna ponders over whether she had a choice in her actions. As a group, discuss if you think Edna had a choice in what she did. If Edna had a choice, would the story have unravelled differently or what could Edna have done differently?
* Agatha Wimple talks about *The Shade Walker* and *The Needle Incident* in chapter 25. What do you think is important about this chapter? Remember to give reasons for your answer.
* *The Shade Walker* shows each person a different vision when it attempts to control them. What did you think about these visions? And what do you think they meant for the different characters? You could pick one to talk about or as many as you like.
* Would you like to be the owner of *The Nowhere Emporium*? If you would like to be, talk about why you would like to be the owner, what would you do, where would you go, what would be your favourite room or greatest magical trick? Or if not, why not? Be imaginative and have fun with your discussions.