**Discussion ideas for …**

**The Last Wild by Piers Torday**

* Discuss why you think it was important to the story that Kester could not speak to humans but could speak to animals. Remember to give reasons for your answers.
* What do you think are the main environmental issues in this book? Take your time discussing them as a group. You might want to focus on one at a time.
* Would you like to be able to talk to animals and if the answer is “yes”, which animals would you talk to and why? Or, if we could talk to and be understood by animals, how do you think our attitudes towards animals and how we treat animals would change?
* On page 187, Kester hears the pigeons grieving and on page 189, he hears that the animals consider him a hero. Do you think these two things are an important turning point in the story and if so why? Remember to give reasons for your answers.
* From page 280, the author describes Premium. What do you think it would be like in a world without animals? What do you think the people thought when they saw the animals that they thought were extinct walking past?
* On page 312, we find out that Selwyn Stone didn’t want a cure for the animals because they had invented the formula as food. Do you think there were other reasons to save the animals other than them being killed for food?
* This book is the first of a trilogy and it ends with more of the story to be told. Did this book have you hooked? Will you read the other two in the series? Why or why not?