**Discussion ideas for …**

**Hero by Sarah Lean**

* On page 20, Grizzly Allen says, “He won’t win battles by having better armour, will he, Jack?”. What do you think he means by saying that?
* The author entwines Leo’s daydreams into the story, mixing events and the thoughts in Leo’s imagination. As the reader, what do you think this style adds to the story? Remember to give reasons for your answers.
* On page 60, Leo says he “wanted other people to think he was fierce, brave, strong and worthwhile.” Why do you think he felt he needed to impress people? Did Leo always act like the hero he wanted to be? Try to give examples for your answers.
* In chapter 13, George visits Leo’s house after being ill and not seeing each other for a while. Why do you think Leo felt differently towards their friendship at that time?
* In chapter 20, the rescue party are about to go down the sink hole to save “Jack”, who they believe is a 3-year-old child, but they don’t when they find out that Jack is a dog. Discuss why you think they did this and if you think they were correct.
* What do you think the real message in this story is about being brave? Remember to give reasons for why you think this.