**Discussion ideas for …**

**The Ice Monster by David Walliams**

* In your group, discuss the conditions orphans experienced in Victorian times.
* How brave do you think Elsie was to escape from the orphanage? In her shoes, what do you think the scariest part would have been?
* Have you ever visited a museum? What was the favourite exhibit you saw? You might like to watch a virtual museum tour on-line. Here is a link to the Natural History Museum in London <https://www.nhm.ac.uk/visit/virtual-museum.html>
* Discuss the Professor’s ideas of how to get the mammoth back to life. What about Dotty and Elsie’s parts in it?
* What did you think of the plan to get the woolly mammoth to the North Pole? Did you see any flaws in the plan?
* In your group, discuss how the story ended for all the main characters. Did you like how it ended? If you had written the story, would you have ended it differently?