**Discussion ideas for …**

An Owl Called Star by Helen Peters

* Jasmine picks up something white, thinking it was a plastic bag. Discuss what we can all do to prevent plastic and other rubbish, harmful to wildlife, being dropped.
* What do you know about owls? Have you ever seen one? When and where might you see one?
* Jasmine takes in Aisha’s hamster for a few days, but there are concerns about having an owl and a hamster in the house. Discuss predators and prey. Think of animals that belong in each group.
* Have you ever looked after a pet for someone? Did anything unexpected happen? What are the pitfalls of looking after animals?
* In your opinion, was Jasmine’s punishment what you expected to happen? Did she deserve it? Why or why not?
* Discuss Star being released back into the wild.