**Discussion ideas for …**

**Mortal Engines by Philip Reeve**

* Hester and Tom lost their parents as children and in tragic circumstances. Discuss if you think this had an impact on their actions and how their characters develops throughout the book.
* Now you’ve read the book, why not watch the film and then have a discussion about which one you preferred and why and any differences you spotted? Don’t forget to discuss the impact these differences have on the story and your enjoyment of it.
* How Hester and Katherine look is mentioned and discussed by various characters throughout the story. Do you think this is important to the story and if so why? You may also want to discuss the other strong female characters in the book and how they added to the story.
* Discuss the bond between Shrike and Hester. How does this affect Shrike as a Stalker and his memories of once being human?
* Katherine learns many things about her father and life for other people in London. Discuss how this changes her character and her actions as the story develops.
* When Tom finds out that Anna Fang is a member of the Anti-Traction League his feelings and actions change towards her and to the others around him. Discuss this and why you think Tom acted this way.