**Discussion ideas for …**

The Beast of Buckingham Palace by David Walliams

* The book is set in a dystopian future Britain. How does David Walliams describe the setting? Do you think this is the reason Alfred can’t go outside?
* The Buckingham Palace vault is full of treasures as well as secret passageways. Discuss why you think old buildings have secret passageways. What other famous buildings might have them?
* Onomatopoeia is used a lot in the story. Discuss why you think using this technique added to the story. Decide which onomatopoeic word was you favourite and share with your group.
* Discuss the Lord Protector with your group. Was he a good villain? What was the most evil thing he did? What do you think was the main reason the people of Britain started to rebel against him? How do you think he was able to take control from the King?
* Why do you think the Griffin is the most fearsome of the King’s Beasts? Do you think Alfred could defeat it on his own?
* There were lots of sacrifices made in the book by different characters. In your group, discuss which characters sacrificed themselves, as well as how and why they did it. Is there a connection between them?