**Discussion ideas for …**

**What’s for Dinner, Mr Gum? by Andy Stanton**

* Billy William the Third was a bit upset to find out that Mr Gum was eating at Greasy Ian’s House of Slops. Why do you think that was? You can use chapter 4 to help you with your discussion.
* Was there any part of the book when you felt sorry for one of the characters? Discuss when this happened, who it was and why you felt sorry for them.
* On pages 88-93, The Story of the Dinnertime War is told in a poetic way. Discuss if you enjoyed this style of telling a story and if you think it added anything to the story or your experience as a reader.
* Why do you think pages 186-191 get darker? Does it enhance your experience of reading the book and what’s going on? Remember to give reasons for your answer.
* What did you enjoy most about this book? Or what did you not enjoy about this book? Even though it’s quite a silly and funny book, do you think it has a message for us as readers? Discuss in your group what that message could be?