**Discussion ideas for …**

**Fizzlebert Stump the boy who ran away from the circus (and joined the library) by A. F. Harrold**

* Fizzlebert meets some children after the show, who he thinks want to be friends with him until they find out his name and make fun of him. How do you think this felt for Fizzlebert?
* Fizzlebert visits a library for the first time. He doesn’t know about borrowing books and being a member. Have you visited a library? Do you know what you have to do to become a member? What are the advantages and disadvantages of borrowing books?
* What big mistakes did Fizzlebert make by talking to the elderly couple outside the library and letting them join him up to the library?
* What did you think of the Stinkthrottle’s house? You might want to make a list of the worst bits and then discuss in your group.
* What did you think of Fizzlebert’s plans to escape with Keith?
* Read the last paragraph on page 251 again. What are the lessons learnt during the story?