**Discussion ideas for …**

**Sky Dancer by Gill Lewis**

* The two brothers, Joe and Ryan, have different personalities and opinions. Discuss the differences between them.
* Joe’s dad was sent to prison for shooting a hen harrier. He did it to save the grouse for the grouse shooting. What factors led him to make this decision?
* What do you think the advantages and disadvantages are of living on the moors?
* Minty and Joe get on well but as the story progresses, Joe sees how the differences in their lives are unfair. Discuss this in your group.
* Joe and Ella are trying to look after the hen harrier chick in secret. How difficult do you think this was for them? Did they make a good job of it?
* Discuss in your group how Joe, Ella and Minty came together to try to start to change and protect the wild environment.