**Tuesday 5th January 2021**

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**Pompeii**

Between the old, stone buildings, the cobbled street bustled with activity. Selling their goods, tradesmen called out to people passing by as the smell of freshly baked bread wafted along the gentle breeze. Carrying the heavy, terracotta pots and vases that weighed a tonne, men grunted and sweated in the heat of the midday sun as children played tag, dodging and weaving between the legs of the busy city folk.

Down by the harbour, the shouts and cheers of fishermen told the city that they had been successful on their fishing trip. Unloading their rich catches into large, stone pots ready for the market, the aroma of fresh fish filled the air. Gently lapping against the shore, the crystal, clear water glimmered in the magnificent sunlight as the lucky, uncaught fish leapt high in the air, chasing the rays of gold.

As was always the case on a Sunday, the ancient colosseum was packed with poets and singers who wanted their voices to be heard by all. Because it was a regular occurrence, the jovial, eager audience, who applauded at every chance, were able to join in the chorus of their favourite song. Whilst the chaos of the city played out, the great protector, Vesuvius, loomed in the distance, casting a watchful eye out over its loyal, vulnerable citizens.

Paragraph 1

1. Were the buildings modern? Copy the phrase that tells you.
2. What time of day is it?
3. Why did the men grunt and sweat?

Paragraph 2

1. How did the city know that the fishermen had caught lots of fish?
2. What smell was there by the harbour?
3. Why were the fish that leapt in the air lucky?

Paragraph 3

1. True or false? This was the first time the poets had performed at the colosseum.
2. Did the audience enjoy the performance? How do you know?