**Tuesday 5th January 2021**

**LO- I can retrieve and infer information from a text.**

**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.

1. Find two pieces of evidence that show the town was busy.
2. Was the town modern? Find a piece of evidence that proves your point.
3. What did the shouts and cheers from the fishermen mean?
4. Why were the fish that leapt in the air lucky?
5. What do you think the rays of gold are?
6. Did the audience enjoy the performances? How do you know?
7. How did the audience know the words to the song being performed?
8. Can you find a word in the last paragraph that means the same as “stood tall”?