**Thursday - Inference**

1) Read the extract.

2) Answer the questions below. Find evidence from the text to help with each one before writing you answer as a full sentence.

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| 1. | Why was Alex surprised by all the children falling silent when he arrived in the cafeteria? How might this have made him feel? |
| 2. | Why do you think Alex expected to receive mocking laughter from the girls? |
| 3. | Do you think Alex was happy with how he looked? |
| 4. | Do you think Alex and Dinu are interested in the ancient Greek language? |

**Answers**

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| 1. | Why was Alex surprised by all the children falling silent when he arrived in the cafeteria? How might this have made him feel? He was used to it as he had been a geek his whole life. He would have felt embarrassed as everyone was looking at him and he wasn’t used to it. |
| 2. | Why do you think Alex expected to receive mocking laughter from the girls? He was probably picked on and teased in the past. |
| 3. | Do you think Alex was happy with how he looked? No. He sighed when Dinu said he only looks good to people with no dentists or proper doctors. He then continues to say he is the smallest child in his year and he has a voice of a choirboy. |
| 4. | Do you think Alex and Dinu are interested in the ancient Greek language? Yes. They went to a language school for two weeks in the Alban Hills outside Rome. They both speak ancient Greek to one another. |