Day 1 – Reading Task

Read the extract from 'Chapter 2: Little Weirwold' then answer the questions below. You can answer the questions in any order. Write your answers in full sentences and remember to use evidence from the text to support your answer if the question asks for it.

1. Sammy barks 'ecstatically'. What does this mean? Can you explain why Sammy was acting this way?
2. Why do you think William offers to hold Tom's bag?
3. Why does Tom call William 'dreamer'?
4. Why does Tom need extra milk?
5. Do you think Tom is kind? Explain your answer using evidence from the text.
6. Summarise the character of Tom by picking three words to describe him and giving reasons for your choices.

ANSWERS

Sammy barks 'ecstatically'. What does this mean? Can you explain why Sammy was acting this way?

Sammy is very excited and probably barking loudly. This suggests he is happy to be outside and going for a walk.

Why do you think William offers to hold Tom's bag?

He thinks Tom is kind to him so wants to do something to repay him by being kind and helpful.

Why does Tom call William 'dreamer'?

William is staring at the cow being milked and does not respond when Tom calls him, it is like he is daydreaming, so Tom calls him a 'dreamer'.

Why does Tom need extra milk?

Tom needs more milk than before because William will be drinking it too now that he is staying with Tom.

Do you think Tom is kind? Explain your answer using evidence from the text.

This is your opinion, so there is not really a right or wrong answer. However, some of the evidence you may have found might include:

- Tom is concerned when he sees how thin William's coat is

Summarise the character of Tom by picking three words to describe him and giving reasons for your choices.