Reflecting on Traditions: A Christmas Writing Frame

Learning objective: To write a reflective piece about the significance of Christmas, using appropriate vocabulary and structured paragraphs.

Use this scaffold to help you write a thoughtful reflection about Christmas. Think about why this time of year is important to people and how traditions help us connect with others. Use the word bank to help your writing flow.

As the winter solstice arrives and the days grow shorter, many people around the world begin to prepare for the festive season of Christmas.

Word bank: furthermore · consequently · traditionally · significance · reflection · community · generosity · nevertheless · in addition to · symbolise

1. Introduction: Describe the atmosphere at Christmas time. You could start with: 'The atmosphere during the festive period is often described as...' (2 marks)

2. Personal Traditions: Explain a tradition that is special to you or your family. You could start with: 'One particular tradition that my family observes is...' (2 marks)

3. The Importance of Giving: Discuss why generosity is a key theme. You could start with: 'Generosity plays a vital role during Christmas because...' (2 marks)

4. Community and Connection: Reflect on why spending time with others is important. You could start with: 'Bringing people together creates a sense of...' (2 marks)

5. Conclusion: Summarise what Christmas means to you personally. You could start with: 'Ultimately, the true meaning of the season for me is...' (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Interview a grandparent or an older neighbour about how their Christmas traditions have changed over the last fifty years. Use your notes to write a comparison paragraph using the connective 'in contrast'.