

A Springtime Story with Ellie

Learning objective: To read a short narrative text and answer comprehension questions about the traditions and symbols of Easter.

Read the story below carefully with Ellie the Elephant, then answer the questions to show what you have learned about springtime celebrations.

Spring had finally arrived in the meadow. Ellie the Elephant walked through the orchard, where the pink and white blossom covered the trees like soft, fragrant snow. It was time for the Easter festival, a special time when animals and children gathered to share kindness. Ellie remembered the stories passed down through the years; she knew that eggs were a special symbol of new life and the start of a fresh season. In the village, the shopkeeper sold decorated baskets for £2.50 each, filled with colourful ribbons and sweets. People exchanged these gifts to show they cared for their friends. Ellie watched as a group of children painted patterns on hard-boiled eggs using bright dyes. They laughed and sang songs about the sun returning. For Ellie, the best part of the festival was the feeling of warmth and the promise that the days would now be longer and brighter.

Word bank: tradition · celebrate · springtime · blossom · generosity · symbol

1. What does the blossom in the orchard look like, according to Ellie? (2 marks)

2. Why are eggs considered a special symbol during this festival? (2 marks)

3. How much does a decorated basket cost in the village shop? (1 mark)

4. Why do people exchange baskets and gifts during the festival? (2 marks)

5. Find and copy one adjective from the text that describes the colours the children used on their eggs. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a picture of the orchard in spring, including Ellie the Elephant and some of the decorated baskets mentioned in the story.



Extension challenge: Write two sentences of your own describing a springtime tradition you enjoy with your family or friends.