

A Springtime Story with Ellie

Learning objective: To read a short narrative text and answer questions to demonstrate comprehension and understanding of seasonal traditions.

Read the story below carefully. Think about the descriptive language Ellie the Elephant uses to explain the signs of spring and the traditions of the Easter season. Write your answers in full sentences.

Ellie the Elephant stood in the middle of the sunny meadow, her large ears twitching as she listened to the birds singing. 'Spring is a time of new beginnings,' she trumpeted softly. As she walked, she spotted bright yellow daffodils pushing through the soil. Ellie loved this time of year. She remembered the stories she had collected about the Easter season. In the village nearby, families gathered to share chocolate eggs wrapped in shiny foil. These eggs were a symbol of new life and the change of seasons. Some children spent their pocket money, perhaps £2.50 or £3.00, to buy small gifts for their friends. Ellie smiled, thinking of the joy that a simple celebration could bring. She picked up a fallen petal with her trunk and placed it gently on a mossy stone, feeling thankful for the warmth of the sun and the stories of the past.

Word bank: blossom · tradition · celebration · symbol · renewal · delight

1. Why does Ellie think spring is a time of 'new beginnings'? (2 marks)

2. What are the chocolate eggs in the story a symbol of? (1 mark)

3. If a child has £5.00 and spends £3.00 on a gift, how much money do they have left? (2 marks)

4. Find two adjectives in the text that describe the daffodils or the eggs. (2 marks)

5. How does Ellie show that she is a kind character in this story? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Ellie the Elephant in the meadow. Include the yellow daffodils she found and a colourful Easter egg hidden in the grass.



Extension challenge: Write a short poem of four lines about your favourite thing to do during the Easter holidays. Use at least two words from the word bank.