A Day in Ancient Greece with Ellie

Learning objective: To write a descriptive account of life in Ancient Greece using historical vocabulary and structured paragraphs.

Ellie the elephant has been reading her history scrolls! Use this writing frame to describe what life was like for a child living in an Ancient Greek city-state. Use the word bank to help you link your ideas together.

As the sun rose over the hills, the bustling city of Athens began to wake up for another busy day.

Word bank: furthermore · meanwhile · in addition · ancient · polis · traditionally · however · consequently · magnificent

1. The Morning Routine: Describe what a child might eat for breakfast or wear to start their day. Start your paragraph with: In the morning, the children would... (2 marks)

2. School and Learning: Explain what lessons were like for children in Ancient Greece. Start your paragraph with: Unlike modern schools, students in the polis would... (2 marks)

3. The Agora: Describe the sights, sounds, and smells of the marketplace. Start your paragraph with: The busy agora was filled with... (2 marks)

4. The Gods and Goddesses: Mention how the people worshipped or which temple they might visit. Start your paragraph with: The people believed that the gods lived on Mount Olympus, so they... (2 marks)

5. Reflections: How does life then compare to life now? Start your paragraph with: Life in Ancient Greece was very different to today because... (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are a reporter in Ancient Greece. Write a short 'breaking news' headline about the Olympic Games or a new theatre play being performed.