Life in the Bronze Age with Ellie the Elephant

Learning objective: To understand the key features of Bronze Age settlements and identify how people lived during this period.

Use your imagination to draw a Bronze Age settlement. Use the word bank to label your drawing and show what life was like for people living thousands of years ago.

Draw: Draw a busy Bronze Age village scene. Include at least two roundhouses with cone-shaped thatched roofs. Draw a field of crops nearby and some people using tools made of bronze. The style should be clear and descriptive, like a historical reconstruction drawing. Use labels from the word bank to point to specific parts of your village.

Label words: Roundhouse · Bronze axe · Thatch roof · Stone wall · Fire pit · Farmland

Steps:

1. Why do you think people in the Bronze Age built their homes in a round shape rather than a square shape?
2. Label your drawing with the word 'Roundhouse' to show where the villagers would sleep.
3. Name one material, other than bronze, that people might have used to build their homes.
4. Look at your drawing: where would the villagers store their extra food during the winter?
5. Explain why the discovery of bronze was such an important change for people compared to the Stone

Age.