Discovering the Bronze Age with Ellie the Elephant

Learning objective: To understand how the discovery of bronze changed the way people lived during the Bronze Age.

Ellie the Elephant has been digging through history! Use what you have learned about the Bronze Age to answer the following questions. Make sure to write your answers in full sentences.

Ellie the Elephant has been visiting ancient sites to learn about the time after the Stone Age. When people discovered how to mix copper and tin together, they created a strong new metal called bronze. This invention changed everything, from how people farmed to the tools they used for protection and building.

Word bank: Bronze · Copper · Tin · Metalworkers · Trade · Hillforts · Settlements

1. What two metals do you need to mix together to make bronze? (2 marks)

2. Why was the discovery of bronze so important for farmers compared to the tools they used in the Stone Age? (3 marks)

3. Ellie noticed that Bronze Age people started to trade with others from far away. Why might a village need to trade for tin if they didn't have any in their local area? (3 marks)

4. During the Bronze Age, people began building large circular houses and hillforts. What does this tell us about how people were living together in groups? (2 marks)

5. Imagine you are a Bronze Age metalworker. If you were selling a bronze axe head at a market for £2, and a customer gives you a £5 note, how much change should you give them? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a scene of a Bronze Age village. Include a round house, a person working with metal, and a field where they might be using a bronze tool to help with farming.

Extension challenge: Research how people buried their dead during the Bronze Age. Write three facts about 'round barrows' or burial mounds to share with the class.