Building a Better Community with Max and Ellie

Learning objective: To understand the importance of community, identify the roles people play within it, and evaluate how individuals can contribute positively to their local area.

Use this writing scaffold to draft a persuasive piece about the impact of community spirit. Think about how Max (our maths-loving monkey) calculates the value of local projects, and how Ellie (our history-loving elephant) remembers the stories that connect neighbours together.

A community is far more than just a collection of houses; it is a vibrant tapestry woven together by the shared actions and kindness of every individual living there.

Word bank: collectively · contribution · interdependence · initiative · furthermore · consequently · harmonious · civic duty · sustainable · perspective

1. Introduction: How would you define a 'community' in your own words? Start your response by writing: A community can be described as... (2 marks)

2. Roles and Responsibilities: Explain why it is essential for different people in a community to work together. Consider: What might happen if everyone ignored the needs of their neighbours? (3 marks)

3. Problem Solving: Max has noticed a local park needs improvement. Propose a collaborative solution. Start by writing: To enhance our local area, we could initiate a project that... (3 marks)

4. Historical Perspective: Ellie believes learning about our local history helps build a stronger community. Justify this view: How does knowing the history of where we live change the way we treat our surroundings? (3 marks)

5. Personal Impact: Compare and contrast the impact of a small individual act of kindness versus a large community-led event. Which do you believe is more significant and why? (4 marks)

6. Conclusion: Summarise your vision for an ideal community. Use the sentence starter: Ultimately, a thriving community relies upon... (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you have a budget of £500 to improve your local community. Write a short budget proposal explaining how you would spend this money to bring people together. Justify your choices by explaining the long-term benefits for your neighbourhood.