Ellie’s Bronze Age Explorer Fact-File

Learning objective: To identify and describe the key characteristics of life during the Bronze Age in Britain.

Use your history books and classroom resources to complete this fact-file. Ellie the elephant loves history, so remember to be as detailed as possible with your descriptions. Research how tools, social structures, and daily life changed when people began using bronze instead of stone.

Word bank: Bronze · Copper · Tin · Alloy · Settlement · Hillfort · Burial mound · Agriculture · Smelting · Trade

1. The Technology of Bronze: Explain how the process of smelting changed the way people made tools and weapons compared to the Stone Age. (3 marks)

2. Settlement Patterns: Describe what a typical Bronze Age settlement looked like and why people chose to build their homes in specific locations. (3 marks)

3. Trade and Travel: How did Bronze Age people obtain the tin and copper needed to make bronze? Mention the role of traders. (2 marks)

4. Daily Life and Farming: What evidence do we have of how Bronze Age people managed their land and produced their food? (3 marks)

5. Beliefs and Burials: Describe one way in which Bronze Age people showed respect for the dead, such as the use of barrows or grave goods. (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are a trader traveling across Britain in the Bronze Age. Write a short journal entry (50-70 words) about the items you are carrying and the people you hope to meet.