Remembrance Day: A Time to Reflect with Ellie

Learning objective: To write a respectful and informative reflection on the significance of Remembrance Day, using historical vocabulary.

Use this writing frame to help you structure your thoughts about Remembrance Day. Follow the prompts for each paragraph and use the word bank to help you write in full sentences.

Remembrance Day is an important time of year when we pause to remember the people who have served in wars to protect our country.

Word bank: significance · commemorate · sacrifice · honour · bravery · poppy · peace · reflection · history · because · furthermore · however · consequently

1. What is Remembrance Day?: Start your paragraph by explaining what happens on the 11th of November. You could write: Remembrance Day is observed on the 11th of November because... (2 marks)

2. The Symbol of the Poppy: Explain why we wear poppies. You could write: Many people choose to wear a red poppy as a symbol of... (2 marks)

3. The Two-Minute Silence: Why is the silence important? You could write: During the two-minute silence, we show our respect by... (2 marks)

4. Honouring the Past: How can we make sure we don't forget? You could write: It is important to remember the bravery of past generations because... (2 marks)

5. Personal Reflection: How do you feel when you think about peace? You could write: When I think about peace in the world, I feel... (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Ellie the elephant has a great memory for history! Research one person or group from the past who showed bravery during a conflict and write a short, respectful tribute to them on a separate piece of paper.