

Diwali: The Festival of Light Fact-File

Learning objective: To recall and record key facts about the celebration of Diwali, the Festival of Light.

Help Ellie the elephant learn about Diwali! Use the word bank to fill in the boxes below. Remember to use your best handwriting and capital letters for special names.

Word bank: Diwali · Light · Diyas · Rangoli · Family · Celebration · Happiness

1. What is the name of the festival? Write a sentence about why it is known as the Festival of Light. (2 marks)

2. What are 'diyas'? Describe how they are used to decorate homes during the festival. (2 marks)

3. What is a 'rangoli' pattern? Explain what it is made of and where it is usually placed. (2 marks)

4. Who do people usually spend their time with during Diwali? How do they show they are happy? (2 marks)

5. If you were celebrating Diwali, what is one special thing you would like to do or make? (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Design your own colourful rangoli pattern in the space below using shapes and symmetry!