Diwali: The Festival of Lights

Learning objective: To sequence the main events of the story of Rama and Sita to understand the origins of Diwali.

Pip the bookworm needs your help! He has scrambled the story of how Diwali began. Cut out the sentences below (or write the correct numbers 1-6 in the boxes) to put the story in the right order. Think about the beginning, the middle, and the happy ending.

Word bank: Diwali · Rama · Sita · Diyas · Exile · Victory · Light · Home

1. 1. Prince Rama and his wife Sita are sent away from their kingdom for fourteen years. (1 mark)

2. 2. They face many challenges, but they always stay kind and brave. (1 mark)

3. 3. The people of the kingdom miss their prince and princess very much. (1 mark)

4. 4. Rama and Sita defeat the darkness and start their long journey back home. (1 mark)

5. 5. The villagers light thousands of clay lamps called diyas to show them the way. (1 mark)

6. 6. Everyone celebrates their return, and Diwali becomes the festival of light winning over darkness. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a beautiful pattern of a Rangoli on the ground. Use bright colours and shapes like circles, squares, and triangles to make it look special for the festival.

Extension challenge: Imagine you are welcoming Rama and Sita home. Write a list of three things you would do to help your family prepare for a celebration, such as cleaning the house or buying flowers for £2.50.