A Diary Entry: Celebrating Diwali with Ellie

Learning objective: To write a recount of the Diwali festival using descriptive language and the past tense.

Imagine you have been invited to a Diwali celebration with Ellie the elephant. Use your senses to describe the sights, sounds, and tastes of the festival. Remember to use adjectives and write in the first person.

Word bank: diya · rangoli · sparkling · delicious · celebration · festival · bright · golden

1. The Arrival: Describe where you went to meet Ellie and what the atmosphere felt like when you first arrived. (2 marks)

2. The Decorations: Describe the colourful rangoli patterns you saw on the floor and the bright diyas that were lit. (2 marks)

3. The Food: Tell me about the delicious treats you shared with Ellie. What did they taste and smell like? (2 marks)

4. The Best Part: What was the most exciting or special moment of the Diwali celebration for you? (2 marks)

5. The Feeling: How did you feel when it was time to leave? Use an adjective to describe your mood. (1 mark)

Extension challenge: Write one sentence about how you would explain the meaning of Diwali to a friend who has never heard of it before.