Diwali: The Festival of Lights

Learning objective: To understand the significance of Diwali by creating a detailed illustration of a diya and rangoli pattern.

Follow the drawing steps below to create your own Diwali celebration scene. Use the word bank to label your finished drawing and ensure you include the key elements that signify this important festival.

Draw: Draw a top-down view of a traditional clay diya lamp placed in the centre of a circular, symmetrical Rangoli pattern. Use bright, contrasting colours (such as orange, yellow, magenta, and turquoise) for the pattern. The style should be clean and geometric, using repeating shapes like triangles, flower petals, and diamonds. Include a soft, golden glow radiating from the flame of the diya.

Label words: Diya · Rangoli · Flame · Pattern · Light · Festival

Steps:

1. Step 1: Draw a small, oval-shaped clay lamp (a diya) in the centre of your page. Add a small, bright flame sitting at the top. Why is light an important symbol during Diwali?
2. Step 2: Around your diya, draw a colourful Rangoli pattern. Describe two geometric shapes you have used in your design.
3. Step 3: Label the 'Diya' and the 'Rangoli' on your drawing. Where are Rangoli patterns traditionally placed

in a home?

4. Step 4: If you were buying materials to make your own Rangoli, and a bag of coloured sand costs £2.50, how much would three bags cost?

5. Step 5: Write one sentence explaining why families celebrate Diwali.