Diwali: The Festival of Lights with Ellie the Elephant

Learning objective: To learn about the Hindu festival of Diwali, focusing on the story of light overcoming darkness and the tradition of making Rangoli patterns.

Ellie the Elephant is visiting her friends to learn about Diwali! Diwali is a special festival of light. Look at the items below that people use to celebrate. Your task is to circle the items that represent 'light' and 'celebration', then draw a beautiful Rangoli pattern in the empty space provided.

Word bank: Diwali · Diyas · Light · Rangoli · Patterns · Celebration · Colours

1. Why do people light small clay lamps called Diyas during Diwali? (2 marks)

2. Can you name one thing you might see in a colourful Rangoli pattern? (1 mark)

3. How does it feel to see many bright lights shining in the dark? (1 mark)

4. If a pack of special Diwali candles costs £2, and you have £5, how much change would you get? (2 marks)

5. Why is it kind to share food and sweets with friends during a festival? (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a beautiful Rangoli pattern! Use lots of bright colours and shapes like circles, triangles, and flowers to make it look special.

Extension challenge: Ask a grown-up to help you find some coloured chalk or paper. Can you create your own Rangoli pattern on the floor or a piece of card to welcome your family home?