Diwali: The Festival of Lights with Ellie the Elephant

Learning objective: To learn about the Hindu festival of Diwali, the symbolism of light, and the tradition of creating patterns.

Follow the drawing steps to create a beautiful Diwali scene. Use your best colours to make the picture bright and festive!

Draw: Draw a warm, inviting scene on a piece of paper. In the centre, draw a 'diya' (a small clay cup with a golden flame). Around the diya, draw a colourful 'rangoli' pattern using circles, triangles, and lines. In the corner, draw Ellie the Elephant smiling kindly at the lights. Use bright, happy colours like yellow, orange, and red to show the glow of the festival.

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Steps:

1. Step 1: Draw a small clay lamp called a 'diya'. What will you use to make the flame look bright?
2. Step 2: Draw a pattern on the floor next to your diya. What shapes did you use?
3. Step 3: Draw Ellie the Elephant standing nearby. How does she feel seeing all the bright lights?
4. Why do Hindu families light lamps during Diwali?
5. If a diya costs 50p, and you have £1.00, how many can you buy?