Diwali: The Festival of Lights with Ellie the Elephant

Learning objective: To understand that Diwali is a special festival celebrated by Hindus and to recognise the importance of light and sharing.

Help Ellie the Elephant learn about Diwali by answering these questions about light, kindness, and celebration.

Ellie the Elephant is learning about Diwali! Diwali is the Festival of Lights. Families clean their homes, wear colourful clothes, and light small clay lamps called diyas. They make beautiful patterns on the floor called rangoli using bright colours and flowers. It is a time for being kind, sharing delicious sweets with friends, and celebrating light winning over darkness.

Word bank: Diwali · Diyas · Light · Rangoli · Family · Sharing

1. What is the special name for the clay lamps that people light during Diwali? (2 marks)

2. Why do you think families like to light up their homes during the festival? (2 marks)

3. What do we call the pretty patterns made on the floor with colours? (1 mark)

4. Can you name one way people show kindness to their friends during Diwali? (2 marks)

5. If Ellie buys a small diya for £1 and some flowers for £2, how much money does she spend in total? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a bright and colourful rangoli pattern for Ellie on the floor using shapes like circles, squares, and triangles.

Extension challenge: Talk to a friend about a time you celebrated a special day with your family. What special things did you do together?