

Diwali Celebration Fact-File with Zara

Learning objective: To learn about the festival of Diwali, known as the Festival of Lights, and identify how families celebrate it with patterns and light.

Help Zara the Zebra learn about Diwali! Ask a grown-up to help you find out about this special festival. Use the boxes below to record what you have discovered. You can write words or draw pictures in the spaces provided.

Word bank: Diwali · Light · Diyas · Patterns · Rangoli · Family · Celebrate · Colours

1. The Name of the Festival: What is the name of the festival that Zara is learning about, and why do people call it the 'Festival of Lights'? (2 marks)

2. Special Lights: What are 'Diyas'? Describe what they look like and how they are used during the celebration. (2 marks)

3. Beautiful Patterns: Zara loves art! What are 'Rangoli' patterns, and what do families use to make them on the floor? (2 marks)

4. Celebrating Together: How do families spend time together during Diwali? Think about the food, clothes, or activities they share. (2 marks)

5. My Favourite Part: Which part of the Diwali festival do you think is the most exciting or beautiful? Explain why. (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Design your own Rangoli pattern in the space below using bright colours. Think about the shapes and patterns Zara would love to see!