Diwali: The Festival of Lights with Zara

Learning objective: To understand that Diwali is a special festival of light celebrated by many people, and to recognise how patterns and colours are used in the celebrations.

Help Zara the zebra get ready for the Diwali festival! Read the questions carefully and use your knowledge of festivals, light, and patterns to answer.

Zara the zebra loves the festival of Diwali. During this time, families decorate their homes with colourful Rangoli patterns on the floor and light small clay lamps called diyas to welcome goodness and joy.

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

1. Zara is making a Rangoli pattern. Why do people make Rangoli patterns during Diwali? (2 marks)

2. What is the name of the special little clay lamps that are lit during Diwali? (1 mark)

3. If Zara buys a pack of 5 clay diyas for £2, how many diyas does she have in total? (1 mark)

4. Diwali is often called the 'Festival of...'. Can you finish the sentence? (1 mark)

5. Zara wants to share sweets with her friends. If she has 3 sweets and her friend gives her 2 more, how many sweets does she have altogether? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a bright and colourful Rangoli pattern on the floor for Zara. Remember to include shapes and your favourite colours!

Extension challenge: Talk to a partner about a time you celebrated a special day with your family. What special decorations did you use?