

My Special Celebration Fact-File: Learning about Diwali

Learning objective: To understand that Diwali is a special festival celebrated by Hindus, often called the Festival of Lights.

Help Ellie the Elephant learn about how families celebrate Diwali. Talk to a grown-up about these questions, then fill in the boxes to create your own fact-file about the festival.

Word bank: Diwali · Light · Diva · Rangoli · Family · Celebrate · Kindness

1. What is the name of the special festival of lights that Hindus celebrate? (2 marks)

2. Can you draw or describe a 'Diva' lamp? Why do you think people light them? (2 marks)

3. Rangoli patterns are made on the floor with bright colours. What patterns would you draw for your Rangoli? (2 marks)

4. Diwali is a time to be kind. What is one kind thing you can do for your family or friends? (2 marks)

5. If you were buying a small gift for a friend to celebrate, would you spend £1 or £5? Why? (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Ask a grown-up to help you find a picture of a Rangoli pattern. Use chalk or coloured paper to make your own pattern on the floor or a piece of card.