

Diwali: The Festival of Lights

Learning objective: To understand the key themes and story behind the celebration of Diwali, the Festival of Lights.

Read the front of each card to learn about the story of Diwali. Use these cards to test your memory of the festival's traditions and meaning.

What is the name of the festival that celebrates light winning over darkness?

Diwali

What are the small clay lamps called that people light during Diwali?

Diyas

Who is the brave prince in the story of Diwali?

Prince Rama

Who is the princess that returns home with Prince Rama?

Princess Sita

What colourful patterns do people make on the floor to welcome guests?

Rangoli

Why do people light diyas and put them in their windows?

To guide Rama and Sita back home.

How do people feel during the Diwali festival?

Happy, joyful, and excited to be with family.

What does the light represent in the Diwali story?

Goodness, hope, and victory over darkness.

What special sweet treats do many families share during Diwali?

Mithai

Is Diwali a festival of light or a festival of snow?

A festival of light.

Where does Ellie the elephant like to learn about the history of festivals like Diwali?

In books and stories.

Why is Diwali often called the 'Festival of Lights'?

Because of all the bright diyas, candles, and lanterns used.