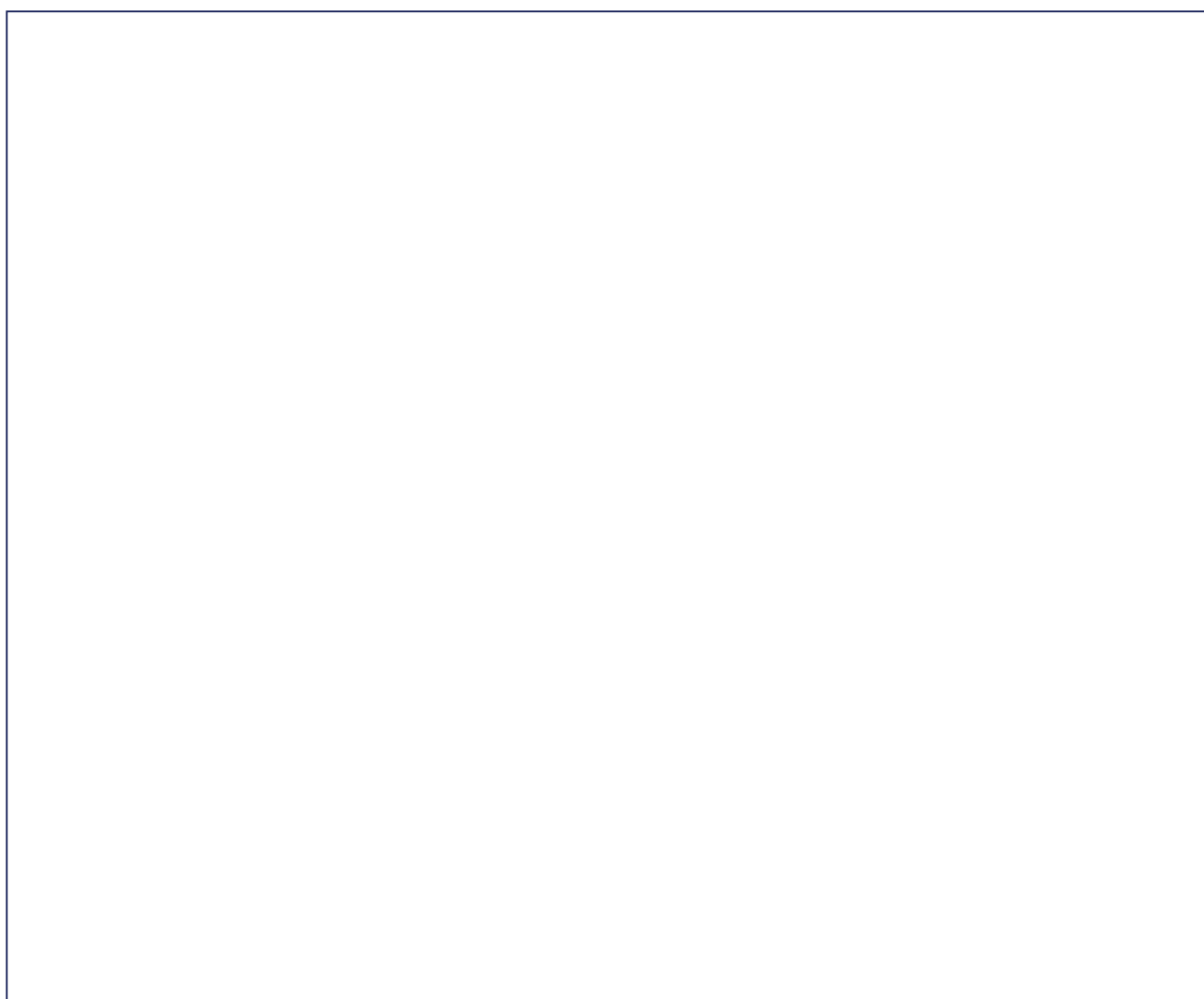


Diwali: The Festival of Lights with Zara the Zebra

Learning objective: To understand the significance of Diwali, the Festival of Lights, and identify key symbols associated with the celebration.

Zara the Zebra has been learning about Diwali. Look at the key symbols below and use them to create a vibrant, balanced drawing that captures the spirit of the festival. Use your artistic skills to add patterns and light.

Draw: Create a detailed scene showing a home decorated for Diwali. In the centre, draw an intricate rangoli pattern using geometric shapes and vibrant colours. Surround the pattern with small, hand-painted clay diyas. In the background, depict a night sky filled with colourful fireworks. Use a warm colour palette for the lamps and a cool, dark palette for the night sky to create a high-contrast, artistic effect. Ensure Zara the Zebra is included in the corner, admiring the patterns.



Label words: Diyas · Rangoli · Lakshmi · Fireworks · Light · Good over evil

Steps:

1. Step 1: Label the 'diyas' in your drawing. Why are these lamps significant to the story of Diwali?
2. Step 2: Explain why people create rangoli patterns at the entrance of their homes during this festival.
3. Compare and contrast: How is the celebration of Diwali similar to other festivals that involve light?

4. Justify your answer: Why is the concept of 'good over evil' a central theme in many global festivals?
5. What might happen if a family chose not to light diyas during Diwali? Explain the impact on the tradition.
6. Creative Extension: Design a new rangoli pattern using geometric shapes. Describe the symmetry you have used in your design.