

Diwali: The Festival of Lights Fact-File

Learning objective: To understand the significance and traditions of Diwali, the Hindu festival of lights.

Help Nova the owl learn about Diwali! Read about the festival and use the boxes below to write down what you have discovered. Use the word bank to help you with your spelling. Write neatly on the lines provided.

Word bank: Diwali · festival · light · diya · rangoli · family · celebrate · lamps

1. What does Diwali celebrate? (Hint: Think about why it is called the Festival of Lights.) (2 marks)

2. Describe a 'diya' lamp. Why do people light them during the festival? (2 marks)

3. What is a 'rangoli' pattern? How is it made? (2 marks)

4. How do families celebrate Diwali together? Write two things they might do. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a bright and colourful rangoli pattern in the space below. Use circles, squares, and triangles to make your design.



Extension challenge: Write one sentence about a special celebration you enjoy with your own family.