

Diwali: The Festival of Lights

Learning objective: To write a recount of the Diwali story using time connectives and descriptive language.

Use this writing frame to help you retell the story of Diwali. Think about the characters, the journey home, and why people light lamps to celebrate.

Long ago, in a kingdom far away, a brave prince and his family began their long journey home after many years of being away.

Word bank: firstly · suddenly · meanwhile · after that · eventually · brightly · celebration · courageous · golden · twinkling

1. The Journey Home: Firstly, describe how the prince and his family travelled. Who were they traveling with? (2 marks)

2. The Problem: Suddenly, the night became very dark. How did they find their way through the shadows? (2 marks)

3. The Welcome: After that, the people of the city wanted to help. What did they place in their windows to guide the travellers? (2 marks)

4. The Celebration: Finally, how did the city look when the prince arrived? Use your best adjectives. (2 marks)

5. Reflection: Why do people celebrate Diwali today by lighting lamps and sharing sweets? (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are watching the lights from a balcony. Write two sentences describing what you can see, hear, and smell.