

Diwali: The Festival of Lights Fact-File

Learning objective: To understand the significance of Diwali, the Festival of Lights, and identify the key traditions observed by those who celebrate it.

Use this fact-file to record what you have learned about Diwali. Research the traditions, the symbolic meaning behind the festival, and the ways families prepare for the celebrations. You may use books from the library or trusted educational websites. Remember to write in clear, full sentences.

Word bank: Diyas · Rangoli · Lakshmi · Tradition · Celebration · Light · Darkness · Community · Deity · Fireworks

1. The Meaning of Diwali: Explain what Diwali represents and why it is often called the 'Festival of Lights'. (3 marks)

2. Preparing for the Festival: Describe two ways families prepare their homes to welcome the festival. (2 marks)

3. The Role of Rangoli: Why do people create colorful Rangoli patterns, and where are they usually placed? (2 marks)

4. Personal Reflection: If you were celebrating Diwali, which part of the festival would you find most interesting and why? (2 marks)

5. Community Spirit: How do families typically share the joy of Diwali with their friends and neighbors? (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Max the monkey is trying to calculate the cost of a celebration! If one pack of decorative diyas costs £4.50 and a bag of sweet treats costs £6.25, how much would it cost to buy two packs of diyas and one bag of sweets? Show your working out.