

Diwali Delights with Zara the Zebra

Learning objective: To understand the significance of Diwali as the Festival of Lights, focusing on traditions like rangoli patterns and diyas.

Zara the Zebra loves patterns! Diwali is a special festival where families create beautiful rangoli patterns on the floor to welcome guests. Look at the shapes below and help Zara complete the patterns. Then, draw your own Diwali diya lamp to light up the room.

Word bank: Diwali · Light · Rangoli · Pattern · Diya · Festival

1. Zara is making a rangoli pattern using circles, squares, and triangles. If she uses a circle, then a square, then a circle, what shape comes next? (2 marks)

2. Diwali is often called the Festival of... (Hint: It starts with an L!) (2 marks)

3. Why do people light small clay lamps called diyas during Diwali? (2 marks)

4. If a pack of special Diwali tea lights costs £2, how many £1 coins do you need to pay for them? (2 marks)

5. Can you name one thing you might see or do during a celebration with your friends or family? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a bright, glowing diya lamp in the middle of this page. Add colorful patterns around it, just like the rangoli designs Zara loves to make!



Extension challenge: Ask a grown-up to help you find symmetrical patterns in your home. Can you draw a pattern that looks the same on both sides, just like a rangoli?