

Diwali: The Festival of Light

Learning objective: To understand the key themes and traditions of Diwali, the Hindu festival of light.

Read each question carefully. Use the word bank to help you write your answers. Max the monkey is here to help you solve these puzzles!

Diwali is a special festival celebrated by many people. It is known as the Festival of Light. The story tells of Rama and Sita coming home after a long time away. People light small clay lamps called diyas to show the way. They also make colourful patterns on the floor called rangoli. The festival celebrates light winning over dark, and good winning over evil.

Word bank: Diwali · Light · Rama · Sita · Diyas · Rangoli · Good · Evil

1. What is another name for the festival of Diwali? (1 mark)

2. Who are the two people in the story who return home? (2 marks)

3. What do people use to light up their homes during Diwali? (1 mark)

4. Why do people celebrate Diwali? (Hint: Think about good and evil). (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a beautiful rangoli pattern inside a circle. Use bright colours like red, yellow, and orange.



Extension challenge: Write one sentence about a time you have celebrated a special day with your family.