

Diwali Fact-File with Ellie the Elephant

Learning objective: To understand the significance of Diwali and the traditions associated with the Festival of Lights.

Help Ellie the Elephant learn more about Diwali! Use your knowledge from our class lesson to complete this fact-file. Remember to use your best handwriting and check your spellings.

Word bank: Diwali · Lamps · Festival of Lights · Rangoli · Celebration · Family · Kindness · Diyas

1. What is Diwali commonly known as and why do people celebrate it? (2 marks)

2. Describe what a 'diya' is and how it is used during the festival. (2 marks)

3. What are Rangoli patterns? How are they made and where might you see them? (2 marks)

4. How do families spend time together during Diwali? List two activities. (2 marks)

5. Why is Diwali considered a special time for showing kindness to others? (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are designing a beautiful Rangoli pattern for your front door. On a separate piece of paper, draw a symmetrical pattern using bright colours and explain to a partner why you chose those shapes.