Diwali: The Festival of Lights with Ellie the Elephant

Learning objective: To understand the significance of Diwali for Hindus, Sikhs, and Jains, and identify key traditions and symbols associated with the festival.

Ellie the Elephant is learning about Diwali! Look at the list of traditions below. Decide whether each statement is True or False. If a statement is False, use your knowledge to explain why by writing the correct fact in the space provided.

Word bank: Diwali · Diyas · Rangoli · New Year · Light · Goodness · Family

1. 1. True or False: Diwali is known as the Festival of Lights. If false, why? (2 marks)

2. 2. True or False: Rangoli patterns are usually made out of colourful sand or flower petals on the floor. If false, why? (2 marks)

3. 3. True or False: Diyas are small, battery-operated plastic torches used for decoration. If false, why? (2 marks)

4. 4. True or False: Diwali celebrates the victory of light over darkness and good over evil. If false, why? (2 marks)

5. 5. True or False: People wear old, torn clothes to celebrate Diwali. If false, why? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a beautiful Rangoli pattern inside a circle. Use bright colours and symmetrical shapes like flowers, stars, or geometric patterns to make it look festive.

Extension challenge: Imagine you are hosting a Diwali party. If you had a budget of £20, list three items you would buy to decorate your home (e.g., flowers, candles, sweets) and calculate the total cost, ensuring you stay within your budget.