Diwali: The Festival of Light

Learning objective: To understand the meaning and traditions of Diwali.

Read each question carefully. Use the word bank to help you spell tricky words. Write your answers on the lines provided.

Diwali is a special festival celebrated by millions of people. It is known as the Festival of Light. People decorate their homes with small clay lamps called diyas. They make colourful patterns on the floor called rangoli. Families share delicious food and wear new clothes. It is a time for kindness and joy.

Word bank: Diwali · Light · Diyas · Rangoli · Family · Kindness · New · Celebrate

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

2. 2. What are the small clay lamps called? (1 mark) (1 mark)

3. 3. Name two things that families do to get ready for Diwali. (2 marks) (2 marks)

4. 4. Why do you think people light diyas during the festival? Use the word 'light' in your sentence. (3 marks) (3 marks)

5. 5. Imagine Max the monkey is visiting a home during Diwali. Write 3-4 sentences about what he might see and do. Think about the colours, the food, and the happiness. (5 marks) (5 marks)

Draw: Draw a beautiful rangoli pattern in the space below. Use lots of bright colours!

Extension challenge: Total: /25. Imagine you are teaching a friend about Diwali. Write down three kind things you could do to celebrate with others.