Diwali: The Festival of Lights Fact-File

Learning objective: To understand the significance and traditions of Diwali, the festival celebrated by Hindus, Sikhs, and Jains.

Use your knowledge from our lesson to complete this fact-file. Think about why Diwali is celebrated and the special traditions families follow. You can use the word bank to help you with your spelling.

Word bank: Diwali · Festival of Lights · Diyas · Rangoli · Lakshmi · New beginnings · Celebration · Family · Good over evil

1. The Meaning of Diwali: Explain why people celebrate Diwali and what the 'Festival of Lights' represents. (2 marks)

2. Special Traditions: Describe two things families do to prepare their homes for the festival. (2 marks)

3. Diyas and Light: Why are small clay lamps, called diyas, so important during this time? (2 marks)

4. Rangoli Patterns: Describe what a Rangoli is and why people create these colourful patterns on their floors. (2 marks)

5. Personal Reflection: If you were joining a Diwali celebration, what part of the festival would you be most excited to see and why? (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are Max the monkey. Write a short list of the different shapes and patterns you can spot in a Rangoli design. Can you find any repeating patterns?