Diwali: The Festival of Light with Ellie the Elephant

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

Ellie the Elephant has been learning about Diwali! Help her finish these sentences about the festival by choosing the correct words from the bank below. Once you have filled in the blanks, draw a picture of a special Diwali lamp in the space provided.

Word bank: Diwali · light · divas · Rama · Sita · new · family

1. 1. _____ is often called the Festival of Light. (1 mark)

2. 2. Many people place small clay lamps called _____ outside their homes to welcome goodness. (1 mark)

3. 3. Diwali celebrates the victory of _____ over darkness. (1 mark)

4. 4. In the story of Diwali, Prince _____ and his wife _____ return home after a long journey. (2 marks)

5. 5. People wear _____ clothes and spend time with their _____ to celebrate. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a beautiful 'diva' (a small oil lamp). Make sure to include a bright flame at the top and decorate the clay base with colourful patterns like dots and swirls.

Extension challenge: Imagine you are hosting a Diwali party. Write a list of three things you would do to make your home look welcoming and bright for your guests.