A Special Celebration: Learning about Diwali

Learning objective: To write a recount of the Diwali festival using descriptive language and key vocabulary.

Use this writing frame to help you describe the festival of Diwali. Remember to use capital letters and full stops in your sentences. Think about what you have learned about the lights, the stories, and the food.

Diwali is a wonderful festival of lights that is celebrated by many people around the world.

Word bank: Diwali · festival of lights · diva lamps · rangoli patterns · celebrate · brightly · delicious · together · because · firstly · then · finally

1. The Story: What have you learned about the story behind Diwali? Start your sentence with: People remember the story of... (2 marks)

2. The Lights: Why are lamps important during this time? Start your sentence with: Families light many small clay lamps called divas because... (2 marks)

3. The Patterns: What do you think about rangoli patterns? Start your sentence with: To decorate their homes, people make colourful patterns on the floor called... (2 marks)

4. The Celebration: What makes Diwali a special day to share? Start your sentence with: On this day, families enjoy... (2 marks)

5. Your Thoughts: How does the festival make people feel? Start your sentence with: I think Diwali is a happy festival because... (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Nova the owl is curious about how we use light to show happiness. Can you write two extra sentences explaining how you would light up your own home if you were celebrating a special festival?